

ROYAL ARCANUM DELEGATES
FILL THE HOTELS OF THE CITYSeventeenth Session of the
Grand Council Opens
Tomorrow.HIGH OFFICERS
ARE ATTENDINGBig Banquet Will Be Held in
the Tecumseh House
Tonight.

The hotels of the city are nearly filled up, and practically all preparations have been completed for the opening of the seventeenth session of the Grand Council of Ontario, Royal Arcanum, which will take place in the Knights of Pythias Hall, Dundas street, tomorrow morning, and continue throughout the day.

Grand Secretary Harry Brown arrived in the city last evening, and with the able assistance of the local officers has been getting things in readiness.

The Committees.

W. H. Baker, of Toronto, grand regent, has appointed the following sessional committee:

Credentials and Distribution—Bros. J. A. Cottam (chairman), R. K. Cowan and R. W. Rennie, all of London.

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City Will Have North End Extension
Or No "T" Rail Will Be PermittedCouncil Took a Decided Stand
On the Matter Last
Night.

All the differences at present existing between the city of London and the street railway regarding the "T" rail, the North End extension, the use of gravel in the Dundas street pavement for the railway allowance, the Ottawa avenue derailed, and other matters must be settled by agreement before the company will be allowed to use the "T" rail on Dundas street.

That was the attitude of the council last night when the bylaw allowing the company to use the "T" rail

No Passengers On the Big Coal Boats
Passenger Service May Be InstitutedL. and P. S. R. Board Had an
Interview With Magnates
Yesterday.

A deputation from the London and Port Stanley board made a trip of inspection to Port Stanley yesterday afternoon. They went down by special train, accompanied by Superintendent Beatty, Assistant Superintendent Gibbula and Mr. Trump, of the Pere Marquette, and Mr. A. Leslie, of the Pittsburgh and Bessemer Coal Company.

A visit was made to the Price El-

Wonderful Operation at Victoria
Patient Chatted With the DoctorsLocal Man Felt No Pain When
Incision in Abdomen
Was Made.

The first operation in London in which local anaesthetic has been used was performed in Victoria Hospital yesterday, and it was entirely successful.

There have been only a few such operations in Canada, the first one taking place in Toronto a short time ago.

It is also said that a similar operation was performed in Hamilton recently.

The operation here was for strangulated hernia, and was performed by two local surgeons.

The patient was a very bad case, and it was thought extremely dangerous to use ether or chloroform.

So it was decided to use the local anaesthetic.

The abdomen was infiltrated with the anaesthetic, and soon the abdominal section was made.

Chatted With Doctors.

The patient was perfectly conscious during the operation and chatted with those in attendance. He watched them work, and expressed opinions as to the conditions of the organs which had been taken from his body.

DR. G. P. WESTLAND
HAS PASSED AWAYWell-Known Londoner Is Dead
After a Long Illness.

Dr. George P. Westland, one of London's most highly esteemed residents, died at his home, 287 Queen's avenue, this morning, after an illness extending over a year and a half.

Dr. Westland was in his 73rd year, and came to Canada from Liverpool, Eng., when 18 years old.

He settled in Toronto and later graduated from the Ontario College of Physicians.

For many years he had lived and practiced in this city.

Besides his wife, he is survived by two sons and one daughter, Messrs. Frank W. of California; Dr. W. S. of this city, and Mrs. Fred Fraser, of Montreal.

The funeral, which will be private, will be held from the family residence on Thursday afternoon to Mount Pleasant Cemetery.

WILL NOT CHANGE
UNIVERSITY SITEWestern University Would Be Erected
on Present Beautiful Location.

The Western University authorities wish a contradiction of the statement that there is any present idea of changing the site of the university to South London or elsewhere. They claim that no more beautiful location could be found than the present one, and say that no object would be served by changing it.

Principal Waller, of Huron College, also says that land has been reserved on the present site for a university building. It would be obviously impossible, he says, for Huron College students to take full advantage of the arts course unless the university building were close at hand. He points out that at McGill the theological college is about to move to the university, and in Toronto also the divinity colleges were being located in Queen's Park, so as to be at the door of the Provincial University.

BRITAIN MAY BUY
BRAZIL'S BATTLESHIPS

London, April 7.—Interest has been aroused in naval circles by the report that the British admiral is considering the purchase of the two big battleships now being built in this country for Brazil. It is pointed out that Brazil has no need for two such powerful ships which, in addition to their original great cost, will be expensive to maintain. It is certain that Great Britain will buy these vessels should this be the only way of preventing their falling into the hands of another European power.

MR. J. A. COTTAM,
Of London, Grand Orator of the Royal
Arcanum.

THE WEATHER.

TOMORROW—SHOWERY.

FORECASTS.

Toronto, April 7—S. a.m.

Today—Moderate to fresh north to northeast winds; fair and a little cooler.

Wednesday—Fresh or strong easterly winds; becoming showery.

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, 60.5°; lowest, 31.5° above zero.

TEMPERATURES.

Stations. 8 a.m. Min. Weather.

Calgary 16 14 Cloudy

Winnipeg 12 12 Cloudy

Port Arthur 14 10 Clear

Parry Sound 28 28 Clear

Toronto 40 40 Cloudy

Ottawa 34 34 Fair

Montreal 24 24 Clear

Quebec 26 24 Fair

Father Point 32 30 Cloudy

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.

Minimum and maximum temperatures: Dawson, 6 below—36; Atlin, 12—24; Vancouver, 31—50; Calgary, 24—38; Prince Albert, 6—28; Regina, 18—34; Winnipeg, 18—26; Port Arthur, 22—38; Parry Sound, 28—48; Toronto, 32—56; Ottawa, 34—48; Montreal, 32—48; Quebec, 30—44; St. John, 22—36; Halifax, 24—40.

SMALL HOUSES SCARCE
LOCAL BUILDERS BUSYMills Are On the Hum and Everything Looks Good for a Big
Summer's Work in the Building Line—Some
Big Jobs in Sight.

"There will not be a small house to rent in London by the end of April," was the way one real estate agent expressed himself when asked by The Advertiser this morning regarding the prospects.

"I have had a very busy time the last few weeks. The demand for houses from \$15 to \$25 a month is also very good. Quite a number of people seem to be wanting houses of this kind in order that they may take in a few boarders or roomers. I have quite a number of inquiries from persons outside the city for houses.

"I have already rented several nice houses to people who are moving in from outside towns.

Keeping Busy.

"I have enough work to keep me busy for three months," said a well-known contractor, "and am not looking for any more. My work is of all kinds, and includes a number of new buildings besides repairs and alterations to old ones.

"I don't think I will be putting things too strong if I say the brick makers will be kept busy supplying blocks for local trade alone. Last season there were several million bricks brought in from outside points, and it looks to me as if some of us may have to go out of town very shortly if we want to get our orders filled on time."

Mills Busy, Too.

"We have lots of work," said the manager of one of the city's biggest sawmills, "I should say from our advance orders that there is nothing wrong with the building trade. Lumber prices, I do not think, will be any higher than formerly."

Among the larger contracts which will be commenced shortly, are the Hobbs Plate Glass Works, McMahon & Granger's warehouse, the isolation hospital, the new fire halls, the hygienic institute, a new chapel for Mount St. Joseph, and a new Salvation Army citadel. One sawmill is getting out the woodwork for 26 new houses of various sizes.

JAMES COTTER FOUND GUILTY
OF BREAKING INTO BONDED CARA Stiff Defense Was Put Up, But the Evidence Was Against the
Prisoner—He Was Remanded a Week
for Sentence.

James Cotter, the Grand Trunk engineer who was arrested in Windsor a few weeks ago charged with breaking into a bonded car in the local yards, was found guilty this morning and remanded for a week for sentence.

The crown showed that Cotter had been in the vicinity on the night of the theft, that he and Sinclair, who was recently sent down for 18 months in connection with the case, had been seen in the shanty burning straw wrappings from whisky bottles, and that Cotter had tried to sell cases of whisky to the proprietor of the Britannia House at 6 o'clock in the morning.

Pond Mills Lady's Narrow Escape
Bad Runaway in the South EndWas Thrown from the Rig and
Severely Cut—A Close
Call.

Mrs. Arthur Baty, an aged lady of Pond Mills, had a remarkably close escape from serious injury, or possibly death, in a runaway this morning, when a rig in which she was seated became overturned, causing her to be dragged a distance of perhaps 50 feet beneath it.

Mrs. Baty had come into the city on business, and was backing her horse out of a laneway leading to the barn of Mr. George Jackson, the Wellington street butcher, at 261 Ottawa avenue, when the rig bumped into a large gate, which swung over from its fastenings. The horse became frightened and kept on backing up, with the result that the rig was overturned, and Mrs. Baty thrown beneath it.

\$33,186 Greater Than for 1907
Board of Education Adopts FiguresEstimates, This Year Greatly
Exceeds Those of Last
Year.

The estimates were put through by the board of education at a special meeting held yesterday afternoon. There was little discussion.

The total amount asked for from the city council will be \$177,179 06. This is an increase over last year of over \$33,186, due to the increase in the salaries of the teachers, and also owing to the increase in operating expenses.

The Collegiate figures were placed at \$33,953 11.

The total expenditure for the year is estimated at \$39,200, of which \$2,329 25 is for sinking fund and interest.

The total receipts for 1908 are estimated at \$7,576 14.

Last year the board asked for \$143,893.

Some of the other schools are also costing more to heat than it was thought necessary.

To change the system, however, it would cost considerable money it could be heated for \$300 a year by steam, a saving of at least \$400 a year, a considerable item.

Chairman Graham thought the furnaces were too small, and that they had to work at too high tension all the time, with the result that the furnaces did not work very satisfactorily.

As nothing could be done, the discussion dropped. It is expected that estimates will be prepared as to the cost of installing a new system.

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

DR. HARWOOD DEAD.

Sandwich, April 7.—Dr. Charles Harwood is dead at his home here from a complication of diseases. Dr. Harwood was born in Palermo, Ont., 63 years ago, a son of a retired English army officer. Before becoming

AN UNFAIR AND UNJUST BILL
IS MR. WHITNEY'S GERRYMANDER"Hypocritical Humbug," Says Liberal Leader MacKay in Searching
Criticism of Proposed Redistribution—A Conservative
Member Attacks Measure as Unnecessary and Unfair.[Special to The Advertiser.]
Toronto, April 7.—The Legislature yesterday was occupied mainly with strong criticism of Mr. Whitney's proposed gerrymander.

The debate on the redistribution bill was resumed by Hon. Mr. MacKay, who said the time was inopportune for a redistribution. He thought his amendment, favoring a postponement of a redistribution until after the next census fitted the case best. Since the last redistribution in 1885, the Liberal majorities had varied from 25 to 3, while now the Conservative majority was 40 or over. This showed that neither party had an undue advantage. The last British redistribution

had been made by a non-partisan commission—One Vote, One Man.

Speaking of the Toronto, Mr. MacKay contended for the principles of one vote for one man and one member for a constituency. A bill introduced in 1902 had proposed for a redistribution in 1903 and every ten years thereafter, the marking of riding boundaries to be left to a commission of high court judges. The bill was supported by Conservative members, and was defeated in division.

Whitney's Broken Promise.

Mr. MacKay claimed that Mr. Whitney had broken his promise to give

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Council Kills the Gravel Proposal
Broken Stone for Dundas StreetTerms of the Original Contract
Will Not Be Interfered
With.

The gravel vs. broken stone argument was finally settled at last night's meeting of the council when it was decided not to interfere with the present contract, but compel the Barber Company to use broken stone in the construction of the work. The council voted to a man in favor of broken stone.

When Ald. Gerry, chairman of the

Policeman Ewen Sticks To His Man
Although Badly Beaten By RowdiesThree Young Men Arrested
Charged With Interference
With an Officer.

Ralph Heard, William Froggett and Jacob Fox were arrested last night as a result of interfering with P. C. Alex. Ewen, while he was arresting James Carrothers for being drunk and disorderly and for using vile language on the streets.

P. C. Ewen had arrested Carrothers when the three young men, it is said, attacked him, and did all they could to make him drop his man. The officer resisted and was successful in retaining his hold, although he suffered somewhat severely, his face being badly bruised from the blows of the young rowdies.

Penalty Is Heavy.

The crown was not ready to proceed this morning, and Heard, Fox and Froggett were each bailed in the sum of \$100 to appear tomorrow.

BLAME ATTACHED TO NO ONE
FOR EDWARD COLEY'S DEATHCoroner's Jury Brings in Verdict That the Deceased Was Acci-
dentally Struck By a Yard Engine in the
Yards of the C. P. R.

After hearing all the available evidence into the cause of the death of Edward Coley, the jury which investigated the case last night, under Coroner Ferguson, brought in the following verdict:

"That Edward Coley came to his death about 11:35 p.m. on Wednesday, March 31, by being accidentally struck by a yard engine at the Adelaide street crossing of the C. P. R. We exonerate the employees in charge of the engine from any blame for the fatality."

The Evidence.

Trevor Burgess, who was with Edward Coley on the night of March 31, said Coley left him to go down the track, saying he was going to see a friend. Coley had had three drinks of beer during the evening. In his pocket was a small bottle of whisky, which had not been opened and which the doctor used to stimulate the patient after the accident.

Engineer's Statement.

James McAllister, engineer on the yard engine which struck Coley, said he was making up trains at the time of the accident. Witness saw Coley in the yards. As Coley was not dragged at all he thought he must have fallen on the tracks. There were no marks on the engine to indicate that he had been struck and knocked down. Witness was positive the engine bell was ringing.

Dr. Reason, who attended Coley, gave a description of his injuries.

Yardman's Story.

Yardman Joseph Calk said he could not understand how the accident occurred unless Coley stepped in front of the engine. When witness saw him he was walking at the side of the tracks. In speaking to witness after Coley said it was all his own fault, he had not noticed the engine. The engine was not going more than two or three miles an hour.

Perfectly Sober.

Thomas Davidson, with whom Coley lived, said Coley left home shortly after 7 o'clock, and was perfectly sober. He had not been drinking this winter.

Coley had one sister living in England.

The jury was as follows: Foreman, Joseph Brown; James Dean, M. McGraw, R. Northgrave, S. J. Henderson, E. J. White, N. J. Lord, A. G. McLeod, J. W. McGuire, G. W. Francis, Frank Farnsworth, L. W. Crawford, H. Thorne.

LITTLE BREEZE RE WORTLEY ROAD

Aids. Armstrong and Saunders Have Little Tiff.

A GRIST OF COMMUNICATIONS

Come Before City Fathers and Are Dealt With—Many Matters of Importance.

The only breeze at last night's session of the council was between Ald. Armstrong and Ald. Saunders regarding the Wortley road.

Ald. Armstrong said that the road was in a serious condition, and that the board of works was not in any hurry to remedy conditions.

Ald. Saunders came back with a biting retort, but the matter was settled without any serious debate.

Ald. Armstrong wanted to know when No. 2 committee was going to attend to the Wortley road.

The Grand Trunk had finished its work, and it was now the duty of the board of works to put the road in good condition.

Chairman Gerry informed Ald. Armstrong that the committee had not taken the matter up as yet, as it was waiting to see what the Grand Trunk was going to do.

He thought that it was a matter to be arranged between the Grand Trunk and the London street railway.

Definite Answer Wanted.

"Why cannot I get a more definite answer to my question?" asked Ald. Armstrong.

"I cannot compel the chairman to give me more information than he has given," answered Mayor Stevely.

"I cannot see why Ald. Armstrong is in so great a hurry," said Ald. Saunders.

"Unless it be that he wants some earth for his lawn. We are attending to our work just as carefully as No. 3 committee."

"I do not think it is fair to impute motives to me," retorted Ald. Armstrong.

Then Mayor Stevely poured oil on the troubled waters, and peace reigned.

"I have heard many complaints about the Wortley road," declared Ald. Ferguson.

"There is no doubt that it is a disgrace to the city."

He moved that the board of works put the road in good repair as soon as possible.

Ald. Armstrong seconded the motion.

Opposed Motion.

Ald. Booth opposed the motion. The Grand Trunk had put the street in its present condition, and it should put it in repair.

He called upon to expend money on this road at present.

When the city's liability in the matter was finally settled, something could be done.

The street was not the worst in the city, and it would remain as it was for some time at least.

The motion was lost on a vote of 7 to 5.

Many Communications.

There were many communications presented. Some of them were very important.

The city will be represented at Ottawa when the Grand Valley Railway route is considered on Wednesday next.

The Eva street sewer matter was laid over for further consideration.

L. K. Jones, secretary of the department of railways and canals, informed the council that the application of the Grand Valley Railway, to cross the tracks of the London and Port Stanley Railroad, would come up for hearing on Wednesday next.

Ald. Booth pointed out that this matter was of vital importance to the city of London, and it should be represented at Ottawa when this matter came up.

It could not be referred to the London and Port Stanley board as a former notice had been with regard to the derail on Ottawa avenue, with the result that the city had been badly treated.

It was a serious matter to have the streets crossed by another railway, as the thoroughfares were already sufficiently dangerous.

As the meeting of the railway committee was to be held on Wednesday, he would move that the mayor either represent the city, or see that the city was represented when this question came up for settlement.

The motion was seconded by Ald. Beattie, and was carried.

Shunting of Cars.

Ald. Moorhead asked if there was any means of preventing the shunting of cars on Adelaide street by the C. P. R. Many complaints have been made about this matter.

Mayor Stevely thought that City Engineer Graydon should be instructed to notify the C. P. R. of the conditions prevailing.

Ald. Moorhead moved that the city engineer be so instructed, and it carried.

City Hall Lighting.

City Engineer Graydon informed the council that the bill for lighting the city hall in March was \$35.92. He declared that at least \$25 of this expense was contracted on behalf of societies using the hall free of charge.

He suggested that a charge for lighting be made on all occasions, saying that it would save at least \$200 a year.

No. 1.

Robert T. Jones and others complained of the disgraceful condition of the sidewalk through the G. T. R. archway on Thames street. They asked that the London Electric Company be compelled to keep the walk clear, and that it be prevented from loading coal on the street, thus blocking the walk.

The petitioners also asked that the company be prevented from dumping ashes at the foot of Horton street.

No. 2.

Band Concerts.

Bandmaster Slater, of the Seventh Regiment, asked that the band be given favorable consideration in the matter of band concerts this summer.

He spoke of the increased efficiency of the band, and thought that it could render better music than ever.

No. 1.

Provincial Health Inspector Hodgins, of Toronto, wrote, offering to give an exhibit in London regarding tuberculosis, its prevention, mode of treatment, etc., the details to be arranged here. Special hospital committee.

J. F. Faulds, on behalf of William Marsh, 66 Egerton street, notified the council that he would hold the city responsible for injuries received by the said William Marsh by falling at the Egerton street crossing of the Grand Trunk, No. 2.

Dr. C. S. Eby, organizing secretary of the Ontario Association for the Prevention of Tuberculosis, asked for a delegate at the organization meeting to be held in Toronto April 27. No. 1.

Jones & Glasco, Montreal, also wrote re producer gas plant, No. 3.

The Gas and Electric Power Company also wrote for particulars regarding the installation of a producer gas plant here. No. 3.

Against Sidewalk.

The Canada Southern Railway lessees of the real property fronting on the south side of Bathurst street, protested against the laying of a vitrified brick sidewalk on Bathurst street, between Colborne and Waterloo streets.

No. 2.

The Shedd Forwarding Company also protested against the laying of the vitrified brick walk on Bathurst street.

No. 2.

The Dymond Gas and Engine Company, Toronto, wrote asking for particulars regarding the establishment of a producer gas plant for civic lighting in the city.

No. 2.

The Brantford Board of Trade asked that the co-operation of the London City Council be given it, to petition the Provincial House of Parliament to take measures to prevent floods on the Grand and Thames Rivers.

No. 1.

Stuart M. Dobinson, who fell on York street, Feb. 17, breaking his arm, applied for assistance.

No. 2.

Inspector Sanders notified the council that Norah Nesbitt was committed to the Alexandra School for Girls on account of wayward conduct.

No. 1.

Union Wages.

H. Hollingshead, secretary of the Trades and Labor Council, drew the council's attention to bylaw No. 924, which provides for the union scale of wages on all city contracts.

He suggested that contractors furnish a statutory declaration, or some other equally as effective means, to insure that the bylaw has been complied with.

No. 1.

Petitions.

William Gurney and others petitioned for a cement curb and gutter on Princess avenue between Ontario and Quebec streets.

No. 2.

William Procter and others petitioned for a tile sewer on Pall Mall street, between Adelaide and Maitland streets.

No. 2.

James D. Long and others petitioned for a tile sewer on Richmond street between Cheapside and Victoria streets.

No. 2.

George W. Blood and others petitioned for a cement walk on South Layard street, between Drenay avenue and Inkerman street.

No. 2.

D. H. Gillies petitioned for a cement walk on East Adelaide street, between Bathurst and Horton streets.

No. 2.

W. F. Johnston and others petitioned for a cement walk on Queen's Place.

No. 2.

E. A. Woodward and others petitioned for a cement walk on East Grace street, between Oxford street and the north limit.

No. 2.

T. C. Johnston and others petitioned for a cement walk on East Johnston street, from Railway street to Pipe Line road.

No. 2.

John F. Madden petitioned for a tile sewer on East Thornton avenue, between St. James and Grosvenor streets.

No. 2.

Charles Dunn and others petitioned for a cement walk on West Ridout street, between Elmwood and Duchess avenues.

No. 2.

Claim for Damages.

Meredith, Judd & Meredith, on behalf of Mr. E. Robertson, Rectory and York streets, notified the council that they held the council responsible for flooding his barn, destroying grain and injuring a horse.

No. 2.

Mrs. J. W. Thorpe, on behalf of the Companions of the Forest, applied for the free use of the city hall, April 28.

Granted.

A. C. Wheatcroft, of the Tecumseh Baseball Club, applied for the free use of the city hall to hold a dance April 20.

Granted.

W. F. Begg, on behalf of the Anchor Athletic Club, applied for the free use of the city hall to hold an "At Home" Friday, April 24, for the benefit of the club.

Granted.

Major Beattie, M. P., acknowledged the council's communication regarding the Dominion Exhibition, and said he would wait on the Minister of Agriculture at the earliest possible moment, and press London's claim as strong as possible.

No. 1.

R. A. Mitchell, secretary of Chorazin Lodge, No. 190, I. O. O. F., asked for the use of the East End Hall for a lodge meeting on April 15.

Granted.

The Somerville Baseball Club applied for the use of the East End Hall April 17.

Granted.

Eva Street Sewer.

The petition against the construction of the Eva street sewer was read, and Ald. Moorhead moved that it be referred to No. 2 committee. There had been considerable difference of opinion regarding the construction of this sewer, and it was nothing but right that those opposed to the sewer be given an opportunity for stating their views.

He would ask that the bylaw be laid over. There was no objection to this, and the Eva street sewer will come up for recommendation at the next meeting of No. 2 committee.

No. 1.

Albert E. Hughes applied for privilege of selling goods in the city without a license.

Hughes had lost one arm, and had only partial use of the other. Referred to mayor with power.

Sophia Frank and others applied for crossing over Wellington road at Clark street.

No. 2.

Niagara Power.

The pro forma contract of the hydro-electric power commission was submitted, and was referred to a special committee composed of No. 3 committee and Ald. Beattie and Ald. Gerry.

Those present were Mayor Stevely, Ald. Beattie, Ferguson, Stevenson, Parsons, of Armstrong, Booth, Moorhead, Greenless, Saunders, Stewart, Gerry, Rose and City Clerk Baker.

NEARLY EIGHT MILLIONS REQUIRED TO RUN ONTARIO'S BUSINESS

Supplementary Estimates Placed Before the Legislature Yesterday.

[Special to The Advertiser.]

Toronto, April 7.—The supplementary estimates, as laid on the table of the Legislature yesterday afternoon, provide for the expenditure of \$4,073,320, which will bring the total estimated outlay for the year up to \$7,909,206.

The largest single item, and the one possessing the most widespread interest, is the grant of \$100,000 toward the national battlefields park and monuments at Quebec.

Agriculture gets another good slice, the grant being \$40,752, not counting \$7,750 for new buildings at the Guelph O. A. C. The Port Arthur and Fort William exhibition gets \$1,000, the Guelph winter fair \$1,000, and the eastern live stock and poultry show \$2,100.

The latter being divided as follows: Overdraft of past two shows, \$1,200; poultry coops, \$500; expenses of next exhibition, \$1,400.

For pure seed exhibitions at Guelph and Ottawa \$375 is given. The sum of \$5,000 is set aside for the purchase of work, while in connection with the taking over of the Ontario Veterinary College, \$10,000 is to be paid for museum and good will, and \$70,000 for staff, rental and contingencies.

The Manxey Indian Agricultural Society gets \$75.

In civil government the only item of importance is \$2,000 for the tuberculosis campaign, the money to be expended for literature, transportation of exhibit and attendants, etc. For

administration of justice the total is \$5,595, of which nearly half, or \$2,500, is for the new judicial district of Fort Frances.

Education gets \$19,605. Of this \$2,000 is for plans for technical education at Hamilton, and \$5,000 at Sault Ste. Marie. The Macdonald consolidated school at Guelph gets \$1,200; and \$1,000 goes to the principal of the Ontario Normal College for special services. For a night watchman at the Normal School, London, \$300 is provided.

The hospitals at New Liskeard and Thessalon get \$500 each. The Brockville Asylum is to have a \$10,000 assembly hall, while the ground for the new Central Prison, Toronto, will cost \$20,000. Public works will absorb \$13,500 for bridges and drainage. For the Hardy Creek drainage works, in Adelaide and Metcalfe Townships, the sum of \$2,500 is appropriated. Colonization and mining roads will take \$21,432. The additional charges on crown lands are set at the considerable figure of \$46,758, divided as follows: Fire ranging, new railways \$15,000 00 Forest ranging, estimating re-

works, 10,000 00 Forwards, 5,000 00 Booth & Lumsden, for timber cut and used by T. and N. O. Railway, 3,758 28 Grand Trunk Pacific block survey, 4,150 00 Alder Lake and Islands survey, 2,500 00 Outlines, Mississauga reserve survey, 5,000 00

The miscellaneous expenditures include expenses of elections, \$90,000; South African monument, \$500, and purchase of antiquities for provincial museum, \$5,000.

ber a separate riding. If the city should have twelve members, then make twelve ridings. The people were willing to give Toronto fair play; everyone was satisfied that Toronto should have at least six members, but if Toronto intended to usurp the rights of other portions of the Province, it would be worse for Toronto.

Unfair and Unjust.

Mr. Clarke said he would leave the criticism of the rearrangement of Mid-West riding to the six Liberal seats which had been made safer in order to make another riding easy for the Tories.

Mr. Clarke concluded with the claim that the redistribution was unfair, unjust and not in accordance with British fair play.

Mr. Rathbun (East Hastings) thought the Province at large would not favor Toronto having so many members. His own riding since Confederation had been represented alternately by Liberals and Conservatives, but more often by the latter.

Another Sure Thing.

The last election, when he was returned had no bearing on the case, and his own majority was no criterion of the political aspect of the riding. He was at a loss to know why the riding had been interfered with.

West Hastings had each population of 17,900 while North Hastings had about 20,000. It was quite unnecessary to make any change in East Hastings. If the bill went through as it stood, East Hastings, instead of being anyone's riding would be a plump for whomver could get it.

Mr. Rathbun, in closing, declared that for the first time since entering the House, he would have to oppose the Government or vote against the bill.

The House rose for dinner, and on resuming in the evening the debate was continued by Mr. Duff (W. St. George).

Mr. May will make inquiry of ministry. Is Dr. James S. Freeborn, of Magnetawan, crown land agent for that district, or any other district of this Province?

Is he also vice-president of the Ontario Bark Producers' Association?

BRANKSOME HALL REUNION

Pleasant Event at This Toronto School By the Students.

A pleasant reunion was held at Branksome Hall, Toronto, on Friday evening, April 3, when many of the senior third and fourth form students of the past five years were entertained by the principals and staff.

The formation of an Alumni Association was discussed and a committee was appointed to carry on the work of organization.

The chief feature of the evening's entertainment was a very successful presentation of Goldsmith's "She Resident Pupils." The following were the cast: Mr. Hardcastle, Edith Anderson (Winnipeg); Tony Tumpkin, Mabel Richardson (Kingston); Sir Charles Marlow, Kathleen Hagley (Toronto); George Marlow, Agnes Baird (Winnipeg); George Hastings, Campbell (Chatham); Landford, Hilda Smith (Cornwall); Mrs. Hardcastle, Gladys Whyte (Winnipeg); Miss Harmsworth, Jean Mickleborough (St. Thomas); Miss Neville, Vera Playter (New Market); George Hastings, Grace Morris (Pembroke). After the play refreshments were served, and an opportunity afforded of reviving old memories and of making new acquaintances. Miss Lillie Shannon kindly favored the company with a vocal solo.

CITY WILL HAVE EXTENSION

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to No. 1 committee to arrange an agreement, if possible, with the Street Railway Company, for the construction of a street railway line in the North End of the city and other matters.

Company Objects.

Before it was put, Mr. Ivey, solicitor of the street railway, asked to be heard on the matter.

He declared that the street railway was at a loss to know what to do. He and the officials of the company had acted in good faith when this matter was apparently settled a few weeks ago, and had gone ahead and ordered the "T" rail. Some of the order was lost on its way to the city. Now that by-law is rescinded, and in its stead is

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No Change in Ridout Street Cars

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City Council Takes Action On Several Matters at Last Night's Meeting.

The Ridout street belt line and the city lighting contract were discussed at some length at the meeting of the council last night, and also the repairs to the East London hall. In none of the matters will there be any change from the present arrangements.

The Ridout street cars were again before the council, when the recommendation of City Engineer Graydon, that the present service on that line be maintained, came up.

Service Not as Good.

Ald. Beattie declared that the engineer's report was no answer to the question he put at the last meeting of the council. There was no doubt that the service was not as good as it was under the old system, and many complaints had been made to him. A petition had been presented last June, asking that the cars be allowed to run as they are at present, but the council refused to grant the request. Thus the engineer was given definite instructions on the matter.

His question was why the engineer had defied the instructions of the council and had allowed the cars to run in the opposite direction to that which the council had given definite instructions. All that was necessary to a two-way service was a switch or turn-out on Ridout street.

Ald. Beattie did not think the city engineer had any right to violate instructions given by the council.

Different Opinion.

Ald. Armstrong thought the present service was much superior to the old. There was greater safety, and the cars maintained a better schedule. It was the consensus of opinion, so far as he could learn, that the present service was much the better. He considered it would be detrimental to the citizens along the Ridout street line to change the present service, and he would oppose the change.

Ald. Beattie moved that the service as granted by the bylaw passed in June last be resumed. Ald. Parsons seconded the motion.

The amendment was lost on the following division:
Yeas—Ald. Beattie, Parsons, Ferguson, Stevenson, Moorhead and Booth.
Nays—Ald. Greenless, Armstrong, Saunders, Rose, Stewart, Gerry and Mayor Stevely.

East End Hall.

The repairs to the east end hall were discussed at some length.

DEATH OF JOHN TORRANCE
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Montreal, April 6. — After an illness of three weeks with pneumonia John Torrance, sen., merchant, died at noon today. Deceased was born in Montreal on Aug. 8, 1835, and at his death was one of the oldest residents in Montreal. Practically Mr. Torrance was a Liberal and a religious

belief a Methodist. He held many official positions, and was

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WHITNEY'S "SQUARE DEAL."

Henceforth, let no admirer prate of the honesty, courage and straightforwardness of Hon. J. P. Whitney. That myth has been exploded. Yesterday the Premier had the effrontery and hypocrisy to characterize his redistribution bill as a square deal. He defended and championed the whole miserable business. Mr. Whitney's bluster and bravado have been mistaken by some for courage, but the gerrymander is the weapon of a coward. A Government that uses it stabs its opponent in the back.

The case of Essex County is an example of his "square deal." North Essex has a population of 32,788, and South Essex of 26,183, according to the municipal census of 1906, as follows:

ESSEX SOUTH.

Municipalities.	Population.
Amherstburg, town	2,296
Malden, township	1,389
Colchester North, township	1,920
Colchester South, township	2,660
Gosfield, South, township	2,968
Gosfield North, township	1,883
Essex, town	1,299
Kingsville, town	1,578
Leamington, town	2,860
Tilbury West, township	1,706
Tilbury North, township	1,892
Mersea, township	2,971
Pelee, township	636
Total	26,183

ESSEX NORTH.

Municipalities.	Population.
Midland, township	2,639
Rochester, township	2,991
Sandwich East	2,762
Sandwich South	1,965
Sandwich West	2,594
Windsor, township	2,848
Windsor, city	14,509
Windsor, township	1,947
Sandwich, township	1,829
Total	32,788

To equalize the population it would be necessary to transfer one or more municipalities from the north to the south; but the Whitney Government, in defiance of every principle which should govern the case, has increased the disparity by switching North Tilbury from South Essex to North Essex. The only object is to wipe out the Liberal majority in the south riding. The mere figures are damning to the Government:

	Population
North Essex at present	32,788
South Essex at present	26,183
A disparity of	6,605

	Population
North Essex, gerrymandered	34,680
South Essex, gerrymandered	24,296

A disparity of 10,384

North Tilbury gave Mr. Auld, Liberal, a majority of 140. The whole riding of South Essex gave him a majority of 135. The gerrymander leaves him in a minority of one.

In Huron the trickery is equally apparent. The present population of West Huron is 19,516, and of East Huron, 17,464. The Government shuffles some municipalities from the west to the east riding, and others from the east to the west. To equalize the population? Not at all. The municipalities switched from the west to the east have a total population of 8,364. The municipalities switched from the east to the west have a total population of 8,456. The population of each riding is scarcely affected by this juggle, but the political complexion of West Huron is completely changed. A Tory majority of 179 is thrown into the west riding, and a Grit majority of 69 taken from it, and placed in the east, where the Grits are bled. By this device West Huron's Liberal majority of two is converted into a Conservative majority of 216. West Huron is to be renamed North Huron, and East Huron is renamed Center Huron, and this new electoral map, stamped with fraud, is sealed with approval by that straightforward statesman, J. P. Whitney!

In Middlesex the gerrymander is equally outrageous. The three ridings in their present form divide the county population as follows:

East Middlesex	18,592
West Middlesex	14,755
North Middlesex	14,253

There is no pretence of equalizing the population by the Whitney gerrymander. It makes matters worse. East Middlesex is untouched, and the equality between the other ridings is destroyed for party purposes. North Middlesex will have a population of 15,903, and West Middlesex only 13,104. Metcalfe and Strathroy have been added to the north riding, and Lobo

subtracted, in order to make it a safe Conservative seat. It is an outrage on fair play and geography alike. And this is the reward the Liberals get for their honest dealing in the redistribution of 1903!

THE EMPIRE'S WONDERFUL GROWTH.

The marvelous growth of the population and of the trade and commerce of the British Empire, and its wonderful productiveness, are concisely set forth in a report recently issued by the British Board of Trade.

With a total area of 11,323,000 square miles, the Empire possesses a population of 387,991,000, England, of course, is the most densely peopled portion of the Empire, its population being 364.5 to the square mile. The most sparsely peopled portion is Australia, with but 1.5 to the square mile, Canada coming next with 1.6. London sits leads by a long way all the cities of the Empire, as well as of the world, in population, with 4,753,218, Bombay following a long distance behind with 382,000, and Calcutta, with 955,926. Of the Canadian cities, Montreal is still first in population, having 405,000, while Sydney leads the Australian cities with 538,000.

The figures as to trade volume are stupendous. The foreign and inter-imperial trade of the Empire last year reached in value the total of \$7,438,161,420, of which \$5,509,467,100 represented foreign trade, and the remainder inter-imperial trade. The United States was the Empire's best customer, purchasing last year \$809,000,000 worth of British and colonial products and manufactures. France, with \$333,000,000, comes next; then follows Germany, \$260,000,000; Holland, \$195,000,000; Belgium, \$166,000,000, and Russia, \$146,000,000.

The figures as to shipping show the extent to which the British Empire leads all other nations on the seas, apart altogether from her fighting navy. The tonnage in 1906 of shipping cleared in the United Kingdom from and to all British colonies and possessions reached the enormous total of 6,998,979 tons, against a grand total of all other countries of 7,550,080. It was also a busy year in ship-building in the Empire, 1,100,000 tons of steam vessels having been built in the United Kingdom; 7,634 at Hong Kong (which is the second largest port in the world, in point of tonnage of vessels entered, London being first by about 17,000 tons, and Liverpool third), and 5,823 tons in Canada.

Wonderful indeed has been the growth of production and productiveness of the Empire during the decade 1896 to 1906. For instance, the production of cotton increased from 910,808,000 pounds to 1,971,894,000 pounds; wool, from 820,583,000 to 1,038,158,000 pounds; wheat, from 322,500,000 bushels to 528,900,000 bushels; tea, from 265,410,000 pounds to 413,602,000 pounds; coal, from 208,273,000 tons to 284,255,000 tons; oats, from 280,500,000 bushels to 353,000,000 bushels; pig iron, from 8,713,000 tons to 10,644,000 tons; gold, from \$55,000,000 to \$250,000,000; diamonds, from \$20,000,000 to \$45,000,000; while throughout the entire list of products there have been proportionate increases.

A REBUKE FROM A FRIEND.

IT WILL NOT BE ARGUED THAT THERE IS ANY IMPROVEMENT IN THE NEW ARRANGEMENT ON THE BASIS OF POPULATION, AND THE CROWDING INTO ONE RIDING OF THREE OUT OF THE FOUR TOWNS IN THE COUNTY IS NOT TO BE JUSTIFIED FROM ANY ECONOMIC OR POLITICAL STANDPOINT, FROM THE MERELY PARTISAN POINT OF VIEW THE REARRANGEMENT MEANS, TAKING THE FIGURES OF THE ELECTION OF 1906, THAT SOUTH HURON WILL HAVE A CONSERVATIVE MAJORITY OF ABOUT 650 OR 700; CENTER HURON, A LIBERAL MAJORITY OF ABOUT THE SAME AND NORTH HURON WILL BE ANOTHER "SAFE" CONSTITUENCY BY AT LEAST 250. WE ARE LEAVE TO BELIEVE THAT THIS IS MR. WHITNEY'S WISHES OR IDEA OF THE REDISTRIBUTION, AND WE HOPE THE DISCUSSION IN THE LEGISLATURE WILL LEAD TO SUCH CHANGES AS WILL ALLOW OF HONEST APPROVAL BY ANY FAIR-MINDED MAN. IT IS NEVER TOO LATE TO DO RIGHT.—Goderich Star (Conservative).

Mr. Whitney's idea of a square deal is a cold deal for his opponents.

Will somebody furnish a plain English translation of that hydro-electric contract?

After that gerrymander, how can Mr. Hodgins, of North Middlesex, look his constituents in the face?

Seeding has begun in the west. What shall the harvest be? The reply means much to this country.

The Advertiser has dealt in detail only with the gerrymander as it affects this western peninsula. In Peel, Brockville, Leeds and Hastings, the trick of seats has been equally barefaced.

On the basis of the popular vote, the Liberals of Ontario should have 44 seats instead of 29 in the present Legislature. This is not a proof that the arrangement of the ridings was unfair to the Liberals. There will be always inequalities of this kind under

any system of representation by constituencies. But the Conservatives have no complaint as to the way it worked out in the last election, and they cannot honestly pretend that a redistribution is necessary to rectify wrongs.

WINTER RESORTS.

[Judge.]

"Humph!" ejaculated the Japanese officer, "we could land an army in California within twenty days!"

"True," replied another dignitary, "but could we keep it there long? I've read that living expenses there average \$20 a day."

UP IN A BALLOON.

[Century.]

Floating softly up into the blue ocean of air, watching the earth sink slowly away beneath us and fade and change quietly to an immense map spread before our wondering eyes—such are the first impressions of balloon voyagers.

MEANING MADE CLEAR.

[Philadelphia Record.]

Tommy—Pop, what does the Bible mean by "having eyes they see not, and having ears they hear not?"

Tommy's Pop—Chaperones, my son.

WOMAN'S REASONING.

[Philippines Gossip.]

Husband (arriving with his wife at the Azcarraga station, just as the train steamed out)—There! If you hadn't taken such a fearful time dressing we shouldn't have lost that train.

Wife—And if you hadn't hurried me so all the way here we shouldn't have such a long time to wait for the next one.

IN IRELAND.

[James P. Hays, in Toronto Saturday Night.]

There's little gold in Ireland, But it is more to me Than all that's hid in mountains Or sunk beneath the sea.

They're humble folk in Ireland, But they are sure to me Than all the lords an' ladies Ye'll find across the sea.

There's one wee lass in Ireland, An' she is more to me Than all the gold an' all the girls That ever I did see.

WHITNEY'S DISGRACE.

[Toronto News.]

It is a shame and a scandal that a man who has occupied a position for fifteen, twenty and twenty-five years, and who has thereby become disqualified for any other pursuit, should be harassed, held under suspicion, and perhaps finally dismissed through the machinations of the office-buffers of the party to which he is thought to have been opposed.

MARRIED FOR KEEPS.

[Toronto Star.]

Many Buffalo couples are said to be getting married at Toronto. Without cracking up our own goods, we are bound to say that in this country the united States is a much more reliable article than it is in the United States.

THE USES OF HISTORY.

[Toronto Star.]

Mr. John Cooper has been apprising the Canadian Club of London of "The Uses of History." Asked to tell it down, we would say—to point a moral, adorn a tale, and enable university professors to feel that they know more about it than other people.

THE OLD, OLD PROBLEM.

[Sam Kiser.]

One problem is always before us. Wherever man settles it goes. When Adam was driven from Eden he studied it, too, I suppose; Down through all the ages and eras We may follow its trail if we will. Though thousands and thousands have solved it, Men daily are solving it still.

It never has ceased, and it never Will cease to bring sorrow and pain; Of all the hard problems that e'er Have furnished a task for man's brain, This oldest of problems has given The widest and deepest concern— This problem of living on profits That other men labor to earn.

NOT FORGOTTEN AT HOME.

[London Gazette.]

Those Canadians who still think that Canada is a somewhat neglected daughter in the house of her mother, would do well to study the daily question paper of the British House of Commons. It evidences clearly enough how much Canada is in the minds of public men, and how many are the who are eager to inform themselves and the public upon Canadian affairs. Among the members in whose names these questions most frequently appear are Sir Gilbert Parker, Mr. Hills (the member for Durham), Mr. Pike Pease (one of the tariff reformers in the House), Mr. Bonar Law (who rejoices in a Canadian birthright), Mr. Evelyn Cecil (an offshoot of the August Cecil family), Mr. Remnant (one of the young tariff reform stalwarts in the House), and Mr. Mitchell-Thompson.

A STANDING TERROR.

[Toronto Saturday Night.]

It is said of Mr. Studholme that he is a quite sensible man to talk to while he is sitting down, and that it is only when he stands up to make a speech that he forgets time, place, reason, everything, and just talks without aim or end. The same thing in a milder form has been observed in other men. If there is any truth in what is said of Mr. Studholme in this regard, it might be well to suspend the rules of the House and permit him to sit while speaking. It is worth trying, anyway.

NO WHITNEYS THERE.

[Daniel Webster.]

When did any English minister, Whig or Tory, ever make such an ineffectual mark to make an outing of tide waiters? When did he ever take away the daily bread of waiters and gaugers and measurers? When did he ever go into the villages to disturb the little postoffices, the small contracts and everything else in the remotest degree connected with government? A British minister who should do this, and should afterwards show his seat in a British House of Commons, would be received by a universal hiss."

HIS APPEAL DISMISSED.

[Life.]

He—if you refuse me I shall go out and hang myself to the lamp-post in front of your house.

She—Now, George, you know father said he wouldn't have you hanging around here.

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ASQUITH CERTAIN FOR LEADERSHIP

But England is Guessing as To the Cabinet Make-Up.

OLD-TIMERS MAY STEP OUT

London Press Criticises the King for Being Away During Parliamentary Crisis.

London, April 6.—Herbert H. Asquith the chancellor of the exchequer, who has been summoned by King Edward to Biarritz, crossed by the night boat from Dover to Calais tonight en route to that place to see the King, whose absence at a time when it was foreseen that Sir Henry Campbell-Bannerman's illness must lead almost inevitably to a cabinet crisis, provokes criticism in the English papers.

There has been a rumor that the King would return to London on Saturday, but it is very doubtful.

In his letter of resignation to the King, Sir Henry advised his majesty that he was resigning because he was unable to carry his seat in Manchester, but taking into consideration the result of all previous by-elections, particularly that at Peckham, no Liberal seats are regarded as too safe at the present time.

In any event, whether Mr. Asquith decides to complete the reconstruction of the cabinet now, or postpone it, any difficulty that he is likely to experience will arise rather from redundancy than paucity of talent among the members of the party awaiting recognition. It will be the most impossible to find places for all the deserving aspirants, while further embarrassment is not unlikely through the reluctance of the older members of the cabinet to make room for fresh blood.

It is an open secret that the party expects the retirement of the Earl of Elgin, the colonial secretary; the Marquis of Ripon, lord privy seal; Lord Tweedmouth, first lord of the admiralty; H. J. Gladstone, secretary of state for the home department; John Sinclair, secretary for Scotland; Sir H. H. Fowler, chancellor of the Duchy of Lancaster, but it is very doubtful if they can be persuaded to yield their places.

Another development which is regarded as not impossible is that Mr. Asquith will make overtures to Lord Rosebery to join the cabinet at some future time. Mr. Asquith is supposed to be nearer in sympathy with Lord Rosebery in the political field than with the Radicals, but speculation in this direction need hardly enter into the present calculations. Beyond the fact that David Lloyd-George, Winston Spencer Churchill and Walter Runciman, the financial secretary to the treasury, will be included in the new cabinet, all is conjecture.

Plenty of Material.

The friends of Winston Spencer Churchill, who figures as a likely cabinet candidate, contend that he would be able to carry his seat in Manchester, but taking into consideration the result of all previous by-elections, particularly that at Peckham, no Liberal seats are regarded as too safe at the present time.

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Brilliant Young Men.

The two former members among the most brilliant of the younger men, Churchill, with all his historical name and fine record as a writer and politician, is the better known abroad. During his tenancy in the colonial office, he has displayed industry and ability fully warranting the confidence of his leaders. David Lloyd-George is a brilliant parliamentary debater and platform speaker. With the retirement of Sir Henry Campbell-Bannerman he is left the undisputed leader of the Radical wing. He earned good opinions for the capacity he showed in dealing with great trade interests, and he is accredited with having engineered through the House of Commons measures involving the delicate negotiations without having made a single mistake of importance.

It is undeniable that the resignation of Mr. Bannerman is a great loss to Ireland. As to Mr. Asquith, there is nothing to say yet. I do not intend to attack him. I see what he does or fails to do."

Parliament has been adjourned until April 14 to enable the issue of writs for the re-election of new ministers, so as to have the elections during the Easter recess. A meeting of the Liberal party is expected to be called at an early date, at which Mr. Asquith will make a declaration of policy and invite the party to ratify it. This meeting will give formal confirmation and recognition of Mr. Asquith as the new leader of the party. It is announced that the King has conferred knighthood of the garter upon the Earl of Crewe, lord president of the council, and knighthood of the thistle upon Lord Tweedmouth. These are regarded as Premier Campbell-Bannerman's last recommendations to his majesty, and may also indicate a change in the portfolios of these ministers.

The Daily Chronicle, in an editorial this morning on the awkwardness of the King's absence, says that Sir Henry's resignation was postponed for a time in the belief that the King would find it convenient to return to London.

"His absence at such a critical time," says the paper, "may be due to a reason of which we know nothing, but it looks as though the King had made the first mistake of a reign hitherto interruptedly successful and popular."

New York, April 7.—The bomb thrown by Selig Silverstein in Union Square Park a week ago last Saturday, following the dispersal by the police of the meeting of New York's unemployed, was made out of a brass top of a bedstead.

This statement was made by Silverstein to an attendant at the hospital, where the bomb-thrower lies hovering between life and death, and is the first information from Silverstein since he committed his desperate act. "I made the bomb from the top of a bedstead," Silverstein is reported to have said. "It was a round brass ball and hollow. I bought a quarter of a pound of nails, broke them in half, and put them in the ball. I put nitroglycerin on top of them and on top of the nitroglycerin I put some gunpowder. When I got to the park I saw a policeman who had beaten me, I put a fuse in the bomb and walked over to the fountain. I had a lighted cigarette in my hand and I tried to touch off the fuse, but in my excitement I put the cigarette in the wrong hole, causing the explosion."

Silverstein said the Union Square bomb was the second he had made, but declined to tell when the first one was manufactured or the use to which it was put.

Silverstein, who has shown remarkable vitality, was said to be much worse last night, and was suffering great pain.

For 71 years Rev. Henry Martyn Sherwood, vicar of White Ladies in Worcestershire, England, has been in Worcester, and for all but one year of that time has been at his present post.

About 430,000 passengers passed through the Simplon tunnel in its first year. The freight fell short of expectations. The line earned \$5,170 a mile; the estimate was \$6,000. The line would have to produce \$6,000 in order that the second tunnel could be built, construction of which has been postponed.

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MUST REPLY INVESTORS.

Detroit, April 6.—Judge Kinne, of the circuit court at Ann Arbor, Mich., has ordered G. H. Purchase and E. C. Glenn, Detroit promoters, to pay into that court \$7,000 of the \$12,500 collected from Ann Arbor investors in a prospective oil well in the Tilbury, Ont., oil field. In 1909. In his pronouncement which was the hottest ever heard in a Washtenaw County court, Judge Kinne said the evidence

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Local Chinamen Were Discharged Police Couldn't Identify Chinks

And Magistrate Love Dismissed Them—A Victory for R. K. Cowan.

At the afternoon session of the trial of Lee Wing, and twelve other Chinamen, charged with playing fan-tan, Mr. R. K. Cowan put in such a strong defense that Magistrate Love had no hesitation in dismissing the case. The evidence taken in the morning was that of Sergeant Birrell and Sergeant Downs, who for a month have been watching the premises at 282 Dundas street, and reported that on every Sunday night there had been gambling going on, and that through a back window they had seen money passing to and fro on a table at which Chinamen were playing with beads and buttons.

An Idyl of Spring Founded On Fact

A certain quite well-known citizen of South London went down town to see the lights last evening.

He saw them, but the glare impaired his vision.

He started for home, it is stated, but found himself wandering in the remoteness of West London.

So he switched.

He shortly afterwards found himself at the brink of the River Thames with the lights of dear old South London twinkling in the distance.

It sure was a long way round, and he was, oh, so tired.

Why not take a short-cut home?

He gazed at the majestic Thames, peered his oarsman's eye, and, tucked them under his arms, and started to swim.

He got across all right, although the water was somewhat tough, and the water was none too warm.

On reaching the shore, he gathered up his wearing apparel, but he had lost his coat. He still clung to his overcoat.

Then he started to find his residence.

Just as he would get close to it somebody would remove the place, and he would have to start his search all over again.

Up and down the streets he wandered, looking for home.

There was a policeman here in sight. Here the beleaguered individual was wandering around in his shirt sleeves at 1:20 o'clock in the morning, soaked within and without with much wetness.

He addressed the wandering boy and asked him where he was going.

The latter could not tell much about his residence, so the policeman took him in, where he was made comfortable for the night.

This morning he was none the worse for his swim.

A MATTER OF CONSCIENCE

Methodists Take New Stand in Regard to Cards, Theater and Dancing.

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She ate her breakfast with a relish, and was preparing to start, when the wife came into the barn. She was sorry for her harshness, she said, but something had put her out that morning.

"I didn't see your face, either," she added. "You're over young to be in this plight. Deary, deary, you're only a girl," and her eyes shone with compassion.

"It's only for a time, thank you. I have friends when I can get to them," and she rose to leave.

"I don't want to ask questions, but it's easy to see that you don't belong to these parts. Your talk shows that."

"I'm from the other side of England."

The woman threw up her hands. "And begging too! Deary me! But you look above that," she added with a touch of suspicion.

"And begging, as you say," replied Olive, with another smile.

"Why don't you turn to and do some honest work for a living?"

"Ah, there's plenty of work waiting for me at the end of my tramp. Thank you for the meal and also for the rest. I must go on now."

"And what are you when you do work?"

"I can sing," answered Olive. "Didn't you hear of the theatrical company that failed in Bodmin. If you ever see the name of Alice Garstang in an opera, you can remember this breakfast you've given me."

"Tell the truth she dared not, lest any clue should be given in case of inquiries by Merridew; so she tried indirectly to mislead the good soul."

"So you're one of them theatricals are you?"

"There was a distinct note of contempt in the tone, and all the suspense died out of the eyes. "Well, if you're tramping back to London a meal won't come amiss. Wait while I get you a paste," and hurrying into the house, she returned with a large meat paste."

The tears were very close to Olive's eyes as she took it and thanked the woman. "I don't hold with theatricals myself, but I can't see a young girl like you wanting for food. You're welcome; and good morning."

Two ideas came to Olive as she read the good woman's questions. She would keep to the name she had chosen at haphazard, and would use her voice to earn her bread on the long journey before her. She had not sung since her father's death; and, fortunately, Merridew had no knowledge that she could sing. If he made any inquiries, therefore, this story would put him off the scent.

The second thought was that she must keep the fact that she was still alive a close secret, until she could learn what had occurred at the house on the moor after her escape. If he believed that she was dead, she would have an immense advantage in the further investigations she had to make.

Abandon her task of finding out the truth and clearing her father's name and her own, she would not. Never, while life lasted, would she give up her work or abandon hope.

All that day she trudged on steadily and unflaggingly; resting about mid-day to eat half of the farmer-woman's paste. She found her way on to the London road, and set her face eastward with a heart as brave and resolute as though her walk was to end a few miles farther on.

She had plenty to occupy her thoughts, apart from the circumstances of her journey. Indeed, these troubled her very little. She was not a singer, but she had not a doubt that by one means or the other she would manage to get through.

Her great problem was the decision as to her future course; and there in the hundred questions which all these days in regard to Jack.

While she had been in captivity, she had passed many a bitter hour in anxious speculation as to whether the plans against him had been pushed forward; and one of the keenest causes of her anguish had been the inability to communicate with him.

And now there was an obstacle scarcely less insuperable. In her opinion, it was of the most critical importance that Merridew must believe her dead; and she could not make her letter would not fall into wrong hands, and so reveal her secret. She did not know how far Merridew or Mrs. Taunton, or those in league with them had managed to get her lover into their power. They might even have control of his letters.

If all was well with him, he would, of course, be intensely anxious about her; and although she was eager to relieve his fears, she determined not to do anything until she had heard that it could be done safely.

Her intention was to make her way to Frampton, to Mr. Casement, in the first place; and with neither food nor money to help her on the journey that undertaking was sufficiently formidable.

But the result of the evening's experience justified her confidence in her ability to overcome these difficulties. In the dusk she walked into a large village, and determined to put into practice at once her idea of singing in the street.

At first the notes would not come, however. She was so nervous, so ashamed, and so terrified by the sound of her own voice, that she could scarcely make herself heard. She broke down entirely; her face flamed, and choking sobs silenced her.

But she was not of a nature to be beaten. Moving on, she scolded herself almost fiercely for this weakness. She must sing. The alternative was to beg or starve. She must find a means of getting a lodging for the night.

After a little delay, she made another attempt, and this time fought with her fright and conquered. It was once more then; and the darkness was once more quivered, and trembled threateningly; but gradually it became stronger; and the rich mezzo-soprano notes rang out clear and beautiful, drawing the people to her, and compelling them to listen.

First one, and then another, came forward and put something into her hand; and then an incident occurred which turned the tide all in her favor. One of a number of men who had stopped to listen uttered a coarse, jeering remark about her; and some others called to him to hold his tongue. Irritated at this, he went toward her, and standing in front of the rest, initiated her singing, and at last tried to put his arm about her waist, as if to kiss her.

The next moment he lay on his back from the blow of a branny fist which had struck the blow, a powerful giant of him, obviously of age, stood over him, obviously ready to repeat it.

"All right, my girl. You get away by 'ee' next time. You sing, missie, and I'll take the hat round." A little cheer went up for him, and when he brought Olive back with him, and when he was astonished to find her collected in possession of two or three shillings.

The man was as shrewd as he was kindhearted. "You're new to this, I can see," he said, when she had finished and had thanked him. "And there's bad trouble behind. John Polforth is a fool. Let me stand by 'ee while ye sing next time. I'll see 'ee through."

He was as good as his word; and when Olive was too tired to sing any more that evening, she had collected five shillings and sixpence.

Nor was that all. When he heard that she had no place to sleep, he insisted upon her going with him to his wife. And the wife was as kind as her husky husband. "I hope you hit 'em hard, Jack," she said, when she heard of the fellow's blackguardism; and would take no denial when she declared that Olive must stay the night under their roof. After supper, Olive sang to them both

and as the woman sat listening, the tears rained down her face until she had to cease her further attempts to wipe them away, and wept openly and without disguise.

Then Olive told them something of the journey before her; and the good soul mothered her as if she had been her own daughter, and put her to bed with a care which could not have been more thoughtful had Olive been a little child.

In the night, Olive woke to find her bending over the bed. "Don't be scared, child. It's no one but me; just seeing that you're all right," and the pillows were smoothed, Olive felt a tear drop on her face. "Sleep well, child; that's a terrible journey you have before 'ee."

With a grateful thought of the woman's kindness, Olive was soon asleep again, serenely happy at having found such a friend in her hour of need.

In the morning she counted over her earnings, and then found among the coins two sovereigns. Then she saw the reason of the night visit to her room. "The tears would not then be denied, and she was weeping happily at the thought of this fresh act of kindness, from those to whom such a sum must mean so much, when Mrs. Polforth came into the room."

"My man would like to see 'ee before he goes to work. Will 'ee hurry?" Olive held up the sovereigns, and looked at her through her tears.

"Eh, but that's a rare bit o' luck," she exclaimed.

"You don't know me, and yet you would deny yourself to this extent," said Olive, smiling.

"Hear her now. As if it were aught of my doings."

"My dear, good friend," cried Olive, kissing her. "But I'll come down and speak to you both about it."

She hurriedly finished her dressing and went down. But the man was gone.

The wife received her with a half-smiling smile. "Jack's a rare coward, and that's true. He wouldn't face 'ee, when I said it was found-out."

(To be continued.)

BRITISH

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The coming season will be the busiest that has yet been experienced in construction work on the Grand Trunk Pacific, since the preparatory work is now completed in most sections, and active construction will be going on almost from Winnipeg to the coast. It is estimated that fully twenty thousand men will be at work along the route, and little difficulty is anticipated in securing these numbers. Where last year at this time it was necessary to send agents out in all directions looking for men, the reverse is the case today, the employment offices being daily besieged by men looking for work. It is expected that by winter steel will be laid complete through from Winnipeg to Edmonton, although it will not be turned up for regular train service until the following summer. It will, however, be in regular use for work trains, which are not so particular about ballasting as passenger trains.

The Foley construction firm expect to have twelve thousand men at work on their contracts between Winnipeg and Edmonton this spring, and will probably have the whole grading finished by July, when their whole army of workers will be turned loose on the grading west of Edmonton. Only twenty-five miles of grading remains to be done between Winnipeg and Edmonton, and this is at the western end of the line.

On the Superior branch, 125 miles of track has already been laid, at the Port Arthur end of the line, while most of the 200 miles to the junction with the main line has been completed, and will be laid with rails this summer. It will be laid with rails this summer. It will be laid with rails this summer.

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that it could have no outside market for its goods. In order to reach the outside world it would be necessary to transfer cars to other lines, but there came the rub. The other railroads quickly decided to favor their own shippers, and operators on the Wabash were frozen out.

Today the Rex Carbon Coal Company, which has an output of 200,000 tons of coal yearly and has hundreds of cars filled with coal now but unable to ship them, closed a deal with the Wabash Railroad Terminal Company to open immense coal yards in the heart of Pittsburgh, and no secret is made of the fact that war is to be made on the local coal trade of Pittsburgh. The retail consumers trade for years has been controlled by shippers over the Pennsylvania, Baltimore and Ohio, and the Pittsburgh and Lake Erie, or Vanderbilt lines.

The Wabash Railroad, which has also entered into the fight, will give up an immense switch which it built some years ago, to the coal firms which have been forced to fight for their very existence by the railroads, and it is expected that when coal companies open with a raise in coal prices, that the Wabash operators will be on hand with enough coal at low prices to break any corner which Pennsylvania, Baltimore and Ohio and Lake Erie shippers are thought to have figured out.

Some remarks about the conditions in the railroad world which were contained in an interview with James J. Hill in New York yesterday, brought out a response today from Frank K. Lane, a member of the Interstate Commerce Commission. Here is a part of Mr. Lane's statement:

"The whole world has a great admiration for Mr. Hill, but I do wish he would not be so lugubrious. Jim Dumps has not yet superseded the optimistic Uncle Sam as the typical American."

A year ago Mr. Hill said that the railroads had failed to meet the traffic necessities of the country; that there had been a steady increase in business which the railroads had not met and it would be necessary to invest \$5,500,000,000 in providing equipment, double tracks and terminals to handle the business of the country properly. And now because for two or three months the railroads have been able to handle more business than was offered them are met on all hands with the cry that the country is going to the bows.

"What is the necessity for painting the picture blacker than it is? Does it arise out of the fact that Congress is in session, or that there is a presidential election impending? Is a man an enemy of the railroads because he refuses to believe every old woman's tale out of Wall street? I do not understand the reason why at the time when railroad credit should be upheld those who ought to be most interested in supporting that credit are lending their influence to breaking it down."

"Let us see what the figures show," said Mr. Lane. "The average monthly receipts from freight and passenger traffic for each mile of the 225,000 miles of railroad in the United States for the first nine months of this fiscal year were \$980, which is \$180 per mile more than the average for the fiscal year ended July, 1905, the year of the last presidential election, which was not regarded as a poor year in the railroad or industrial trade. The net revenue from traffic allowing for all operating expenses, including increased wages and cost of material in the fiscal year ending in 1908 is 37 per cent greater than in the year 1905. The net monthly revenue for this fiscal year is thus far \$7 less per mile than for the preceding year 1906-7, which may be taken as high water mark thus far in the railroad history in the United States."

Reports of two constituent properties of the New York Central, or Vanderbilt Lines, system for the year ended Dec. 31, 1907, were issued yesterday. The roads so reporting were the Lake Shore and Michigan Southern Railway Company and the Chicago, Indiana and Southern Railroad Company, the latter being controlled by the former and the Michigan Central road. Both the Lake Shore and Michigan Southern, and Chicago and Indiana and Southern recorded material gains in net earnings, despite heavy increases in expenses, but showed an enormous falling off in the surplus as a result of extraordinarily heavy charges.

The Lake Shore and Michigan Southern Railway Company reported an increase of \$2,408,096 in earnings from operation, which reached \$4,963,475 and an increase of \$2,292,929 in its operating expenses which amounted to \$2,654,347, but an increase of only \$1,862,660 in total expenses. As new construction and equipment disbursements were \$429,808 smaller than those for 1906, net earnings, which increased \$546,436, amounted to \$10,415,618. The road's other income, derived from interest and dividends on stocks and bonds owned and loans and deposits, involved \$5,716,419, or \$1,562,914 more than for 1906, making a gross income of \$16,132,443, or \$1,578,699 more than that for the previous year.

First charges amounted to \$7,745,717, or \$1,210,246 more than those for the preceding year, leaving a net income of \$7,386,715, or \$599,103 more than that for 1906. Dividends of 14 per cent involved \$6,925,310, or \$1,578,699 more than those for the previous year, leaving a surplus of only \$460,405, or \$1,079,556 less than that for the previous year. For this surplus for the year there was added \$46,322, as net profit to the adjustment of sundry accounts and \$17,298,529 as credit to profit and loss, making a balance of \$17,805,259 on Dec. 31, 1907. The road's condensed general

balance sheet showed total assets of \$232,562,577.

The report of the Chicago, Indiana and Southern Railroad Company showed an increase of \$671,751 in earnings from operation, which amounted to \$3,004,482, and an increase of \$116,177 in operating expenses, which involved \$1,943,129. The road did not pay for any new construction, betterments or equipment out of its earnings last year, although it spent \$24,725 in new construction and \$130 in equipment in 1906. Its net earnings amounted to \$1,661,353, or \$580,429 more than those for the previous year. Other income, including interest on loans and deposits, reached \$88,177, or \$55,928 more than that for the preceding year, making a gross income of \$1,149,530, or \$626,353 more than that for 1906.

First charges involved \$926,350, or \$671,751 more than those for the previous year, leaving a surplus of only \$223,180, or \$35,123 less than that for 1906. To this surplus there was added \$1,414 as net profit in the adjustment of sundry accounts and \$258,304 as credit to profit and loss, making the balance on Dec. 31, 1907, \$482,899. The road's total assets were \$16,283,511.

Annual reports of five of the principal constituent railroad properties in the New York Central or Vanderbilt lines system will be issued to the stockholders of these roads today. The roads so reporting for 1907 are the Michigan Central Railroad Company, the Cleveland, Cincinnati, Chicago and St. Louis Railway Company, or "Big Four," the Pittsburgh and Lake Erie Railroad Company, the Lake Erie and Western Railroad Company and the Rutland Railroad Company. Both the Michigan Central and Cleveland, Cincinnati, Chicago and St. Louis roads show gains in their net, as well as gross, earnings, despite heavy increases in expenses, and in their surplus for the year, while the Pittsburgh and Lake Erie and Rutland Companies report material increases in earnings, but decreases in surplus. The Lake Erie and Western Company shows decreases in both earnings and surplus.

The Michigan Central Railroad Company gained last year \$2,271,521 in its earnings from operation, which reached \$28,547,109, and was able to report a decrease of 1.47 per cent in cost of operation, which amounted to \$1.63 per cent of its gross earnings, compared with \$2.70 per cent in 1906. Total expenses amounted to \$23,131,750, or \$1,401,486 more than those for the previous year, leaving net earnings of \$5,415,359, or \$870,035 more than those for the preceding year.

Since the issuance on March 4 of the bulletin of the car efficiency committee of the American Railway Association, 130 roads have reported a further decrease of 11,000 cars in surplus car equipment. The next bulletin will show slightly more than 300,000 surplus cars. The per diem commission meets on Saturday to establish a permanent rate and rules. Their action has to be submitted to the members by letter ballot for ratification.

For 589 railway stations in the western New York car service district 65,569 cars were reported during February, compared with 78,377 cars during the same month last year, a decrease of 28 per cent. The average detention for both railroads and consignees were precisely the same, as shown in the following table:

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AND THE FOUNTAIN BLEW UP.

Denver, Colo., April 6.—When Dr. S. Rothchild struck a match to light a cigar, in front of a public drinking fountain, there was a terrific explosion. Fragments of the fountain mangled his leg, almost striped a woman of her clothes and upset a bicyclist, whose machine was wrecked. Gas from a street main had leaked into the fountain and was pouring from a faucet when the doctor struck the match.

This is almost as remarkable as the experience of Mr. James Dingwall, of Williamstown, Ont. All his life he had suffered from constipation. "And the only medicine I ever secured to do me any real good was 'Fruit-a-tives,'" he writes. "I am now over eighty years of age and I strongly recommend 'Fruit-a-tives' for chronic constipation."

CENTER OF THE EMPIRE

Will Move to Canada Eventually Says Halford J. Mackinder.

London, April 6.—Halford John Mackinder, the well-known geographer, predicted the doom of Britain as the center of the British empire in a lecture delivered before the Royal Geographical Society this week.

He considers that a great world movement is now taking place which is likely to take from the United Kingdom the predominant importance it now enjoys. In another generation, according to President Mackinder, the economic center of the British empire will be found in Canada.

Should Canada still remain a part of the empire, the position of the British Isles will continue to be of importance, but it will be of importance chiefly on its position as a defense of Canada against the great continental powers. With the gradual increase of Canada's resources, England would have some of the characteristics of a flying base in naval strategy.

PRINCESS GOES TO SCHOOL.

Mary of Wales Must Mix It With Commonsense Like Brothers.

New York, April 6.—The Herald has received the following cable dispatch from London: Princess Mary of Wales, like her two brothers, is to be sent to school instead of being educated privately. This great departure from tradition in the case of the ladies of the royal family is due to the desire of the Princess of Wales that her family should be free from the painful shyness that makes the lives of some other members of the royal family something of a torture. The princess holds that this excessive self-consciousness is due to the private education of the royal children, and that it can only be avoided by bringing the royal children into free contact with their contemporaries. The King and Queen fully approve of this departure, as they are quite conscious of the harm that has been done to some members of their own family by unnecessary seclusion and exclusiveness.

EVER HEAR OF HIM?

Leopold McLaglan Guarantees to Throw Gutch in One Hour.

Los Angeles, Cal., April 6.—Leopold McLaglan, a 210-pound wrestler, who claims the Irish championship and also the Jiu-Jitsu championship of the world, challenges Frank Gutch to meet him here in a match at catch-as-catch-can for the championship of the world and a \$5,000 side bet. McLaglan says he will guarantee to throw Gutch inside of one hour.

Doctors All Advise Suitable Spring Tonic

Pays You to Get Strong and Nourish the Blood During Change of Seasons.

In the springtime the vigor and resisting power of the body fall very low. Instead of being strong and nourishing, the blood is thin and watery. As a result the bodily forces become less active, sleep falls to bring rest. An ever-increasing tiredness develops into over-powering weakness.

People suffering from this spring sickness feel heavy and drowsy; they don't want to eat; they don't enjoy work—about half sick and half well. This is just the condition that favors pneumonia and typhoid, and you must build up as quickly as possible. You must increase your blood supply and make it rich and red.

The only way this can be done is by using Ferrozone, which is acknowledged to be the most efficient spring medicine.

The marvelous purifying and tonic properties of Ferrozone are quickly felt, because the blood is at once supplied with the elements it needs to become rich and red. It is ironized, vitalized and rapidly brought to its normal strength.

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If you suffer from debility, insomnia, nervousness, loss of appetite, or any of the symptoms of disordered blood, nothing will so rapidly tone you up as this great food tonic, Ferrozone. Its record of successful cures, its recommendation by the public, by druggists and doctors, commends it to every thinking person.

You need Ferrozone to make you well. Why not get it today? Sold by all druggists. Price, 50c per box or six boxes for \$2.50.

HINDUS OBSERVE QUEER FESTIVAL

'Mid Awful Din, Leap in Gangs To Wash Away Sins.

Calcutta, India, April 6.—Half a million Hindus were cleansed of their sins and of the sins of their ancestors back to the thirty millionth generation of their baboon ancestors, according to the teaching of the Shastras, by bathing in the yellow waters of the Ganges recently in celebration of the Ardhoodyog, or festival of salvation.

The Ardhoodyog, or festival of salvation, occurs twice in a lifetime, and for months the devout Hindus in this part of India had been making preparations for the ceremony. Yog means "combination," and to bring about the festival the stars must be in a certain position on a certain day in a certain month, and even at a fixed hour. Consequently, when it was announced that everything was propitious for last Sunday hundreds of thousands flocked to the banks of the Ganges. The chief gathering was in Calcutta, because of the bathing facilities and its famous temple consecrated to the goddess Kall.

The women were dressed in their richest costumes, upon which they had labored for months, and many were heavy with golden rings and necklaces. Dressed in all their finery, they plunged into the river with a look of the deepest religious fervor.

According to the Hindu faith this ceremony is the most sacred of the many prescribed for all occasions. No matter how deeply one may have sinned, a plunge in the Ganges on the Ardhoodyog is regarded as equivalent to a thorough ticket to Nirvana, not only for the bather, but for all of his ancestors except the unfortunate thirty millionth and first, who is left to take his chances of final salvation.

LIFTED OUT HEART

Remarkable Operation to Save Life of Man Stabbed by Thugs.

New York, April 6.—The World today says: With a knife wound in his heart that was every minute bringing him nearer death, Robert Inglis, a young athlete, of Yonkers, was taken to St. Joseph's Hospital, in that city, and within fifteen minutes was on the operating table, where the surgeons opened his breast, lifted out his heart, took three stitches in it, and replaced the organ. A few hours later the patient was able to talk, and the physicians said that his recovery was possible, although his condition was still extremely critical, with the chances against him.

Inglis received his wound following a wordy altercation with three strangers on the street. The hospital happened to be near by, and the injured man was hurried to it. The stitches had to be taken when the heart was distended, or between beats, as had they been taken when the organ was contracted they would have been torn away when the heart swelled with blood. Removal of a portion of two ribs on the left side was necessary, before the heart could be taken out. The stitches were made with catgut ligatures, when he recovered consciousness, identified Powell Forpinsky, whom the police had arrested, as the man who had assaulted him.

ADMITS HE LIED

Bowin Accused of Murder Becomes Badly Tangled in Stories.

Detroit, April 6.—Percy Bowin further braved himself on the witness stand in Judge Phelan's court today. He again swore that the confession was a lie, that a previous story he told was a lie and that part of his own story told last Saturday afternoon was not true.

He stands a liar and perjurer either way. If his story of last Saturday was true then his confession, which he likewise gave under oath, was a lie and if the story he told under oath from the witness stand here last Saturday afternoon is a lie, then the confession is true. His fate depends on which of the two stories the jury will consider a lie.

It is most probable that the confession will be believed. It is backed up by the testimony of thirty witnesses. Every detail of Bowin's confession is minutely detailed, with the exception of the recital of the actual slaying.

Much of the self-confidence and composure which has been strong in his manner since the trial opened was missing this morning. He seemed nervous, excited, irritated. He moved restlessly about in the witness chair and he constantly kept his finger or hand at his lips. He pulled his trousers or shuffled his feet. He only smiled occasionally, he didn't giggle. He stuttered and stammered in trying to answer; he tried to think them out deeply so there could be no "come back" on anything he said.

At noon Bowin left the stand a badly entangled man. He "didn't know just where he was at," as he himself stated. He failed to give explanation after explanation, had the after life driven home and nailed to him, and finally forced to admit that he lied. His story was torn, crumbled, punched and trampled on, and he tried to fight gamely, but he had said too many different things and he had forgotten what he intended to say.

The case is rapidly drawing to a close, and it is probable that the young Canadian's fate will go to the jury tomorrow.

The coon hunters of Three Springs, Huntingdon County, recently treed a coon, shot it, and then had a dog fight under the tree, and all the fun and excitement, belonging to a genuine coon hunt, only to find later that it was somebody's tabby cat.

BARBER GETS RICH BY BLACKMAILING

German Aristocrat Parts With \$150,000 Before Informing Police of Plot.

Munich, April 6.—One of the most astounding blackmailing cases ever brought before a European tribunal has just been disposed of in the criminal court here. The victim, a wealthy German aristocrat and lawyer, parted with \$150,000 or more, before he finally screwed up his courage and went to the police. His persecutors, a one-time barber and his wife, who had been living like princes on their ill-gotten gains, have been sentenced to five years' hard labor.

The most promising character in the story was August Woelfel. He owned a number of barber shops, then went into the amusement business, bought up cafes and tea rooms and concert halls. He launched into all kinds of ambitious projects, the last being a scheme for the advancement of modern music, by tour through the leading capitals of Europe with Franz Lehár, author of "The Merry Widow," Oscar Strauss and other great lights of the musical world. The principal music hall in Munich, with the famous orchestra known as the Oberlandkapelle was Woelfel's latest acquisition.

The Discovery. Recklessly driving a big motor car through Augsburg, Woelfel ran into a street railway car, and as a result of the crash was arrested and sentenced to two months' imprisonment. Before it was over the police found he was wanted for a much more serious affair, which went back some fifteen years.

There lived in Munich at that time a young and wealthy lawyer, August Buerki, who had formed an indirect acquaintance with an idle and disreputable young loafer named Goetz. The lawyer seems to have been a weak, good-natured young man and frequently gave small sums of money to Goetz. The latter was well known to Woelfel, as they lived in the same house, and in some way Woelfel soon found out that his friend was getting money from Buerki. Goetz died in May, 1895, and shortly afterwards Woelfel began a steady course of blackmailing the unfortunate Buerki, which continued until a few weeks ago. Woelfel finally reached a point where even his audacity wasn't great enough to support him in demanding more money for himself, and so he hit upon the idea of inventing other blackmailers. He told Buerki that other men who knew Goetz had appeared on the scene and had been to him to ask for hush money. It was always part of Woelfel's game to pretend that he was sending these other claimants out of the city.

Victim's Wife Aided. Woelfel's wife, a young and attractive woman, backed up her husband's imposture and spent a not inconsiderable part of the spoil upon herself. Buerki went on paying out money until he found himself impoverished by more than \$150,000. Then he thought it was time to stop before he was completely ruined and told the whole story to the police.

Before a court packed to the last seat, the trial lasted two days. Woelfel and his wife put up a bold front. The former insisted that the imaginary persons for whom he had received money actually existed, and had duly received all the sums stated. The jury were not long in finding both prisoners guilty. Woelfel was sentenced to five years' imprisonment, a fine of \$750 and ten years' loss of civil rights. It is stated that shortly before the trial Woelfel attempted to commit suicide, but the prison wardens frustrated his efforts.

THE LAKE SUPERIOR CO.

Complete Harmony Marks the Annual Meeting of the Stockholders.

New York, April 6.—Complete harmony marked the annual meeting of stockholders of the Lake Superior Iron Co. which was held today in Jersey City after many adjournments as a result of injunction proceedings instituted last October. The contending factions had patched up their differences, and all the business today was carried through by unanimous vote.

Notable among the directors were made by J. Tamm, a Philadelphia lawyer, who was the principal defendant in the recent injunction proceedings, and were seconded by Charles E. Orvis, who was one of the complainants in the action, and who heads the Canadian Improvement Company, which was organized to promote the Lake Superior Corporation.

The board elected is as follows: Francis T. Reeves, James Hay, Horatio G. Lloyd, Charles S. Hinchman, J. Tamm, all of Philadelphia; John T. Terry, jun., of New York; John associated with Mr. Orris in the injunction proceedings; Leander N. Lowell, of New Jersey; Charles D. Warren, of Toronto, Canada; Thos. J. Hammond and R. Wilson Smith, of Montreal, Canada; George Pattington, of Preston, Canada; and Wm. J. Sheppard, of Toronto, Canada.

Following the election of directors, the members of the board elected Mr. Charles D. Warren, president of the corporation; Francis B. Reeves, first vice-president; Thomas J. Hammond, second vice-president; John T. Terry, jun., secretary-treasurer. There had been litigation over the right to vote on stock pledged for loans. The Canadian Improvement Company represented by Messrs. Orris and Terry, borrowed from the Philadelphia bankers more than \$2,000,000 on stock of the Lake Superior Corporation, and the fight was over who should vote the pledged stock. Judge Garretson decided that the holders of the stock could vote on it for directors.

THE SOFT COAL STRIKE

Joint Wage Convention of Operators and Men To Be Called.

Indianapolis, April 6.—Coal operators and workers of America in the central and southern fields, consisting of Western Pennsylvania, Ohio, Indiana and Illinois, will meet here this afternoon to consider a proposition made by the miners' organization, through President Lewis, to issue a call for a joint wage convention on the label of a national agreement, and if necessary to fix a date for the resumption of the bituminous mines, pending the settlement of a wage scale.

Sympathy seems to have a wonderful affinity for a dollar, and that probably is the reason always tends in the direction of the label of a dollar mark.

He is a smart man who can give a good excuse, and he is a smarter one who can get past without any sort of excuse.

According to a German investigator a smoker sends into the air about four billion particles of dust at every puff. A new \$40,000 organ, one of the finest in the world, was dedicated lately in the college of the City of New York.

SUGGESTS FRANCE AS SENATE MODEL

Dandurand Advocates Selection of Members By an Electorate Body.

Ottawa, April 6.—Continuing the debate on the motion for Senate reform, Speaker Dandurand in the Senate said complaint has been made that the method of selection of senators by the affiliation of senators to one or the other political party. There is no doubt, he said, that practically all the senators returned since confederation have been active party men. However, no plan has been proposed to remedy this. The election of senators by the people or by the provincial authorities would result in party men being returned.

Speaker Dandurand did not favor the direct election of senators by the people, but rather advocated a second method of selection. That of France he pronounced admirable. There an electorate of 500 to 1,000 is formed from local and general councils, which votes for one of the members of the assembly.

In Canada that system might be adopted by having the senators elected by the municipal or county councils of the senatorial constituency, the speaker suggested. He pointed out that the great complaint against the present system of appointment is that it caused all opposition in the Senate to disappear. This could be corrected, he thinks, by adopting a system by which every second or third seat should go to the Opposition. Mr. Dandurand said the Senate or from five to ten. To give this majority he would have, on change of Government, all appointments to the Senate made by the new governor until it had a majority in that body. Then he would have the system of alternate appointments.

He believes members of the Government should have the right to speak in both houses of Parliament. This system prevails, he says, in every parliamentary assembly in the world except the British Parliament. With this plan of selecting senators and giving all cabinet ministers the right of debating in the Senate, all grounds of criticism of that body would disappear, the speaker said.

The House has passed the interim supply bill, which appropriates amounting to \$22,000,000. While the bill was under consideration in committee of ways and means, Mr. Foster suggested that the Minister of Public Works is trying to mislead the people of Toronto in agreeing to an investigation of the scheme to construct a subway between Toronto and the Island, indicating that the Government, in his opinion, would not be justified in aiding the project. Mr. Fielding defended the project.

THE BISHOP APOLOGIZED.

Montreal, April 6.—The Bishop of Chicoutimi, who some time ago refused to obey the local judge of that town, has changed his mind. On Saturday he sent a letter to the judge apologizing for his conduct, and promising obedience in future. The trouble arose over the bishop claiming he belonged to a higher court than any civil one, and refusing to obey orders issued from the civil courts. The matter is now settled by the bishop apologizing.

YOU SHOULD KNOW OF THIS RECIPE

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Cut this out and put in some safe place, for it is valuable and worth more than anything else in the world if you should have an attack of rheumatism or bladder trouble or any derangement of the kidneys whatever.

The prescription is simple, and can be made up by anyone at home. The ingredients can be had at any good prescription pharmacy and all that is necessary is to shake them well in a bottle.

Here it is: Fluid Extract Dandelion, one-half ounce; Compound Kargon, one ounce; Compound Syrup of Sarsaparilla, three ounces.

Take a teaspoonful after each meal and at bedtime. A few doses is said to relieve almost any case of bladder trouble, frequent urination, pain and scalding, weakness and backache, pain above the kidneys, etc. It is now claimed to be the method of curing chronic rheumatism, because of its direct and positive action upon the eliminative tissues of the kidneys. It cleanses these sponge-like organs and gives them power to sift and strain the poisonous waste matter and uric acid from the blood, relieving the worst form of rheumatism and kidney and bladder troubles. The Extract Dandelion acts upon the stomach and liver and is used also extensively for relieving constipation and indigestion. Compound Sarsaparilla cleans and enriches the blood.

A well-known local druggist is authorized that the prescription is safe to use at any time.

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GRANDEE HAS MANY TROUBLES

Henpecked Nobleman Terrified Into Seeking a Divorce.

Madrid, April 6.—Madrid is convulsed with merriment by the tale of the troubles of a great household, troubles which have ended in a suit for divorce by a henpecked grande. The gentleman is married to a lady some years his senior and his inferior in rank. Madame is a vigorous personality, accustomed to having her own way, even if she has to use her fists to get it. Her husband's opposition to her wishes has often been crushed, the tale runs, by force majeure.

Last Sunday the noble family, with their retainers, were at service in the private chapel of the husband's splendid residence, when madame fell furiously upon an inattentive chauffeur, chased him down the aisle and through a garden, and was brought up in mid-career by a motor car, behind which the fugitive hid. The furious lady beat the car with all her force and seriously damaged it.

She told her protesting husband that she had a poisoned dagger with which she meant to kill him, and the poor gentleman took the precaution of getting some male friend to take away the dagger with him as a measure of protection.

Matters came to a head when madame so belabored and reviled her husband that he, escaping from her clutches, ran desperately to a magistrate and unfolded his tale of woe. The magistrate and two attendants went back to the house, and in madame's presence the husband swore that he went for daily terror of his life. Madame has been removed to a convent and will remain there while the husband's divorce proceedings are being tried.

TO EXCHANGE TEACHERS

German and Americans to Study One Another's School Systems.

New York, April 6.—A plan for an exchange of teachers between schools of the United States and Prussia under the supervision of the Prussian imperial department of instruction and the Carnegie foundation for the advancement of teaching was announced today. It was stated that such an exchange between Prussia, France and England has been in progress for several years. The plan will take effect on Oct. 1, and it is expected that 25 to 50 teachers will visit Prussia as guests of the Government.

That Government will pay the visiting teachers \$25 to \$27.50 per month and afford them every facility to become acquainted with the German educational system. Formal teaching is not desired of the Americans, but they are expected to converse with the German upper class students in English upon the institutions and social customs of the two countries.

It is stipulated that the American teacher visiting Prussia under this plan must be a graduate of an American college and must have taught for one year in some college or high school and be connected therewith. Reasonable knowledge of the German language will be necessary.

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TRAVELERS' GUIDE

GRAND TRUNK RAILWAY. SARNIA TUNNEL TO SUSPENSION BRIDGE AND TORONTO.

Arrive from the east—3:50 a.m., 10:56 a.m., 11:12 a.m., 11:23 a.m., 6:25 p.m., 7:48 p.m., 10 p.m., 11:20 p.m.

Arrive from the west—12:09 a.m., 3:15 a.m., 11:13 a.m., 1:10 p.m., 4:10 p.m., 6:25 p.m.

Depart for the east—12:14 a.m., 3:20 a.m., 7:30 a.m., 9 a.m., 11:23 a.m., 2:05 p.m., 4:25 p.m., 6:53 p.m. (Eastern Flyer).

The trains leaving at 7:30 a.m. and 2:05 p.m. stop at all stations.

Depart for the west—3:55 a.m., 7:40 a.m., 11:18 a.m., 11:35 a.m., 1:40 p.m., 8:05 p.m.

The 7:40 a.m. and the 1:40 p.m. trains stop at all stations.

LONDON AND WINDSOR.

Arrive—10:40 a.m., 4 p.m., 6:50 p.m. (Eastern Flyer), 11 p.m.

Depart—6:35 a.m., 11:27 a.m., 2:20 p.m., 7:55 p.m. (International Limited).

STRATFORD BRANCH.

Arrive—3:15 a.m., 11:15 a.m., 1:30 p.m., 6:35 p.m., 11:10 p.m.

Depart—6:10 a.m., 11 a.m., 2:50 p.m., 5 p.m.

LONDON, HURON AND BRUCE.

Arrive—10 a.m., 6:10 p.m.

Depart—8:30 a.m., 4:50 p.m.

Trains marked thus * run daily.

Those not so marked run daily except Sunday.

PERE MARQUETTE RAILWAY.

Depart—5:40 a.m., 6:50 a.m., 9:45 a.m., 2:30 p.m., 3:40 a.m., 7:35 p.m.

Arrive—8:45 a.m., 2:15 p.m., 1:50 p.m., 4:40 p.m., 9:20 p.m., 11:30 p.m.

*To and from Walkerville, without change. Trains not "starred" to Port Stanley.

*Between London and St. Thomas only.

MICHIGAN CENTRAL RAILWAY.

Arrive—6:55 a.m., 11:10 a.m., 5:10 p.m., 9:50 p.m.

Depart—7:15 a.m., 2:20 p.m., 5:35 p.m., 10:25 p.m.

*Runs through to Waterford.

CANADIAN PACIFIC RAILWAY.

Arrive—From the east 11:30 a.m., 8 p.m., 11 p.m. From the west—4:30 a.m., 8:30 a.m., 6:20 p.m.

Depart—For the east—4:40 a.m., 8:43 a.m., 6:28 p.m. For the west—11:38 a.m., 8:38 a.m., 11:10 p.m.

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*From Chatham only.

*Runs only to Chatham.

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JAS. LAWRENCE FOUND GUILTY PASSED COUNTERFEIT BILL

Additional Evidence Procured Against the Adelaide Street Man
Which Placed Him in a Very Bad Light—Was
Remanded for Sentence.

Magistrate Love had another very busy session this morning, when no less than fourteen cases were disposed of.

James Lawrence, who was remanded from last week on a charge of passing \$10 Confederate notes, was this morning found guilty, and remanded for a week for sentence.

Additional evidence was secured which was decidedly against Lawrence.

It will be remembered that Lawrence told Mrs. Nicholls, who laid the charge that he had received the money from a woman who had boarded at his place all winter.

This morning, Otto Goldberg, a merchant on Wellington street, in the box stated that Lawrence came to his

store on March 21, and bought a suit of clothes for \$15, offering in payment a \$10 Confederate bill.

Goldberg refused to take the money and Lawrence told him he had received it from a farmer for whom he had worked.

This evidence differing so widely from what Lawrence had told Mrs. Nicholls, convinced the court that Lawrence was acting deliberately in the matter, and his worship had no hesitation in finding him guilty. Lawrence was remanded for a week for sentence.

The penalty for an offense of this kind is very serious, amounting to 15 years in Kingston Penitentiary. Unfortunately for Lawrence he has been in trouble before.

Manager King and the "T" Rail Company Not Placed in Right Light

Claims That He Has Always Been Ready to Negotiate Re North End Extension.

"We were not placed in the proper light regarding the 'T' rail and the North End extension matter," said Manager King of the London street railway to The Advertiser. "The way the matter came up was this: When the 'T' rail was first discussed we suggested that as the grider rail on Dundas street would last a long time on a service such as would be given in the North End, we thought it would be wise to use the newer rails on Dundas street, and allow the old rails to be placed in the North End. I thought this was satisfactory."

Willing To Meet Council.

"We were then willing to meet the council on the matter of the North End extension, and have been waiting for the finance committee to open negotiations, as that committee had the matter in hand. When the 'T' rail bill was prepared, I told Mr. Ivey to

let that go through alone, and that we would take up the extension matter later on. The whole question should have been settled then, but I thought that as the pavement must be put down in a hurry, we should get the 'T' rail ordered and on the way here, I anticipated no trouble regarding the 'T' rail, as the council has committed itself on that matter, and as we are now, and have always been perfectly willing to negotiate for the North End extension, I see no reason why this matter should not be settled without trouble."

That Gravel Again.

"We intend to go on with the Dundas street pavement, as soon as we can. We are not anxious to have the work held up at all. I do not see why we should not be allowed to use gravel on our allowance, as it is the opinion of some that it makes just as good a foundation as broken stone. I do not see why we should not be allowed to use it, as it is cheaper for us."

"What about the Ottawa avenue derail?" was asked.

"That matter can be settled all right," was his answer. "We do not want a two-way service, as it is no good to us."

Estimates Must Be Whittled Down If Tax Rate Is To Remain the Same

Interesting Facts and Figures
Regarding the Different
Spending Bodies.

The estimates of the different civic bodies for the year are all in, and they make quite a total. It is expected that a meeting will be held this week to consider them.

The items are as follows:

No. 1 (same as last year)	\$42,671
No. 2 committee	74,310
No. 3 committee	43,300
Board of education	177,179
Police	43,818
Victoria Hospital	29,500
Library	11,503
Board of health	2,820
Special exhibition buildings	2,000
Dredging the river	200
Courthouse and jail	1,300
Western University	5,000
Total	\$434,601

Other Expenditures.

In addition there are the debt charges, which last year amounted to \$150,547. They will not be any less this year.

Special accounts not reckoned in the above amounts will probably reach a total of \$8,000.

This total will reach about \$612,000. In all probability it will run considerably more, not less than \$630,000.

To meet this the city will have taxes

to amount approximately of \$570,000, an increase of \$30,000 more than last year.

The water committee promises to turn in a revenue of \$28,500 in addition.

The London and Port Stanley Railroad is expected to turn over about \$8,000.

Thus the city at the rate struck last year will have about \$607,500 to meet an expenditure of \$580,000.

Must Be Cut Down.

The estimates are cut down very closely it was stated at the city hall this afternoon, and there can be little cut off.

The hospital cannot get along with less; the police maintenance figures are as closely figured as possible. The library board is well within its needs, the board says. The board of health estimates have already been chiselled, and cannot be placed much lower. No. 1 committee will not need less, probably more than the figures given above.

The board of works' figures will be cut somewhat it is expected. The expenditure of \$6,500 for a greenhouse in Victoria Park will be slashed out, and some other expenditures will be lowered.

It looks as if the city is in for a larger tax rate than last year, possibly \$2.50, unless the finance committee slashes the figures more than it looks possible to do at first glance.

The schools estimates alone amount to over seven mills on the total assessment, rather a high-water mark.

And in order to keep down the tax rate the estimates must be cut. The whittling will begin shortly.

Crippled By Illness, Seeks a Home Sad Case of Aged Englishman

Henry Davis, an aged Englishman, was brought to the county jail today by Archibald Hughes, a junk peddler, who asked that the old fellow be sent to a hospital or some charitable institution, as he was unable to care for himself, owing to acute rheumatism.

Davis recently was discharged from Victoria Hospital, after a ten weeks' treatment for the malady.

Today Mr. Hughes found the old man wandering around near the asylum. He was penniless and practically unable to even walk.

Squire Chittick committed him to the jail on the ground that through illness he was unable to provide himself with the necessities of life.

Davis will probably be sent to the home for incurables or the house of refuge, if it is proven that he is a county charge. This is denied by the county officials, who state that up to a day or so ago Davis had always resided in the city.

Davis came over from England some seven years ago, and made a fair living by peddling junk. He gives his age as 68, and says that he has no relatives on this side of the water.

Real Estate Transfers for Two Months

The real estate transfers for the month of February, 1908, numbered 33, with an assessed value of \$22,765, for a consideration of \$33,127, a percentage of 68.

The total for the same month last year was 81, with an assessed value of \$83,968, for a consideration of \$125,459, a percentage of 66.6.

The transfers for March this year were 85, with an assessed value of \$73,736, for a consideration of \$104,418—a percentage of 70.6.

Last year the number was 123, with an assessed value of \$145,650, for a consideration of \$235,344, being a percentage of 61.9.

London's Bills Pass the Legislature

[Special to The Advertiser.]

Toronto, April 7.—London's private bill was read a third time, and passed in the Legislature this morning. The House also passed the measures re-

lating to the Western University and College, and respecting the London and Middlesex sanatorium for consumption, promoted by the same member.

Dr. Mugan Succeeds Dr. Tillmann

At the meeting of the separate school board last night the resignation of Dr. Tillmann as separate school representative on the board of education, was accepted, and Dr. Mugan, 720 Dundas street, was unanimously chosen to succeed him.

Dr. Mugan is a son-in-law of ex-Al. Forristal, and is a well-known physician in the city. He has been very successful in his practice, and has always taken a deep interest in educational work.

Some years ago, Dr. Mugan, who is a Toronto University graduate, was a school teacher, and he has thus had a practical training, which will fit him for a position on the school board.

Will Advertise for Fire Hall Sites

Fire Chief Clark and Assessment Commissioner Grant, who have the selection of the sites of the new fire halls under consideration, have decided to advertise for sites.

The tenders will be called for at the earliest possible time. The location of the north end hall will be within the square bounded by Colborne, Wellington, Oxford and Grosvenor streets.

The location of the East London hall will be between Simcoe, Pearl, Drexley avenue, Laird, Grey and William streets.

"We think we can get better prices by this method than any other," said Chief Clark. "If the lots are too high we will change the location. We want to get the halls as soon as possible."

Monday Was Fire Brigade's Busy Day

The fire brigade had rather a busy day yesterday, several runs keeping them busy.

In the afternoon, the chemical extinguisher was taken to O. B. Graves' store, where a fire in the basement, due to a defective flue, was causing some commotion. It was put out without much trouble.

In the evening an alarm came in from the residence of Mr. George M. Reid, where a defective grate had caused a fire. The chemical engine extinguished the fire. Fire Chief Clark made two trips afterwards to the same place, but the fire did not break out again.

At 9 o'clock Chief Clark and his men had another run to the residence of Mr. Magee, 452 Horton, where an overheated furnace pipe had ignited the floor. The chemical engine extinguished the blaze quickly, the damage also being slight.

PROROGATION BY NEXT SATURDAY

Toronto, April 7.—It is the desire of the Government that the Legislature should complete its business early on Friday afternoon. If this is accomplished prorogation will take starting on his election campaign tour.

Local Items

Transferred to Chatham.

Mr. Frank Morrow, of the Dominion Bank, this city, has been transferred to the branch at Chatham.

Building Permits.

Building permits were issued yesterday to Ezra Meyer for repairs and additions to his dwelling, and to Mr. Thomas E. Parke, corner of Simcoe and Richmond streets, for a story and a half frame dwelling.

Bishop at Mooretown.

Bishop Williams held service at Mooretown English Church Sunday morning, when 25 persons were confirmed. The bishop was the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Kenny, London road, during his stay.

Hyatt Bros. Get Contract.

The contract for the new warehouse to be erected for McMahon & Ganger on York street was awarded this morning to Hyatt Bros., of this city. It is expected that the warehouse will cost about \$22,000.

Service of Process.

Rain did not keep away the crowd from the praise service in Adelaide Street Church last night. Sacred songs from Tom H. Chronicles accompanied the reading from the Bible. The pastor, reading from the Bible, how the Israelites had a praise service before they met and defeated their foes. The big choir was in splendid form, and Dr. Townner gave an informal "talk" and sang four solos. A great number of people were present, and altogether the service was so satisfactory that it will be repeated tonight, Dr. Townner singing "Paul and Silas."

Royal Arcanum Delegates.

(Continued From Page One.)

Mileage and Per Diem—Bros. J. G. Jackson, Cobourg; F. Doggett, St. Thomas; Alf. Murdoch, South London.

The Officers.

The officers of the Grand Council of Ontario are: W. H. Baker, Toronto, grand regent; W. J. Code, Ottawa, grand vice-regent; J. A. Cottam, London, grand orator; H. J. Snelgrove, past grand regent; Harry Brown, Hamilton, grand secretary; J. W. Hickson, Toronto, grand treasurer; W. N. Pon-tano, Belleville, grand chaplain; E. C. Sanders, St. Thomas, grand guide; W. W. Vickers, Toronto, grand warden; C. A. Mitchell, London, grand scribe; James Brandon, Toronto, grand trustee; A. Shaw, Kingston, grand trustee; J. Smith, Hamilton, grand trustee; Wm. Ray, Toronto, supreme representative; H. J. Snelgrove, Cobourg, supreme alternate; Wm. Ray, Toronto, chairman of finance committee; Lyman Lee, Hamilton, chairman of laws committee; J. B. McKillop, London, chairman of the committee on the executive.

The executive committee is composed of W. J. Code, grand vice-regent; H. J. Snelgrove, past grand regent; Harry Brown, grand secretary; J. W. Hickson, grand treasurer; Wm. Ray, chairman of finance committee; Lyman Lee, chairman of committee on laws; James B. McKillop, chairman of committee on the executive.

At the Teumseh.

The various committees are in meeting at the Teumseh House today, and will have their reports in readiness at the opening of the session, so as to avoid any delay.

Bro. S. S. Babcock, of Detroit, will attend as deputy supreme regent and installing officer.

The members of the London council have arranged for a banquet to be tendered the representatives to the grand council at the Teumseh House this evening.

Not Suitable.

Fire Chief Clark looked over a couple of horses yesterday for the fire department, but they were not suitable. He has received a letter from Paris regarding a couple of horses in that district. He has written for information regarding them, and if the replies are satisfactory he will go down and look them over.

CASES BEFORE NON-JURY COURT

Three cases were set down for the sitting of the county non-jury court this morning before Judge Macbeth.

John Nutkins & Son vs. John Nutkins, jun., action to recover \$175.75 due on an account for materials and work rendered. Judgment for plaintiff with costs, including examination fees.

The plaintiffs are contractors and builders and the defendant is a local bricklayer.

Jarvis & Vining for plaintiffs; J. H. A. Beattie for defendant.

The second case on the list involved a legal point and judgment was reserved.

Andrew Durand, a local insurance agent, sought to recover \$150 from W. R. Jarmain, a local cleaner and dyer, for the loss of two valuable rugs which had been sent to the defendant's place of business for cleaning.

According to the evidence, a former employee of Mr. Jarmain had stolen the rugs, which had been kept in a room containing numerous other rugs and other articles just cleaned.

Mr. J. W. G. Winnett, for the plaintiff, argued that the employer was liable for the actions of his employees and should be held responsible for goods entrusted to his care.

The argument of Mr. U. A. Buchner, for the defense, was in effect that unless gross negligence could be shown on the part of the defendant he could not be held liable for the goods.

Mr. Winnett cited cases to uphold their claim.

Rundle vs. Southwestern Traction, an action to recover \$200 damages for the alleged illegal cutting down of trees on the plaintiff's property, had just begun when an adjournment was called until 2:30 this afternoon.

Mr. M. P. McDonagh for plaintiffs; Mr. T. H. Luscombe for defendant.

Amusements.

If the Grand Opera House was not packed with numbers, it certainly was swarmed with enthusiasm last night when Miss Julia Marlowe, the peerless American actress, appeared in her favorite role of Rosalind, in Shakespeare's "As You Like It."

Miss Marlowe's appearance in London was a distinct tribute to the taste for high art of Londoners, but unfortunately she came to the city at a time when local theatres have been swarmed with the best of the stage today affords. Under other circumstances, there would have been no vacant seats in the house. But the audience was not a small one, by any means.

The famous actress brought with her a splendidly balanced company of artists, and while the star's work stood out, of course, in the role of Rosalind, there was nothing to be desired or to criticize in her support.

Londoners have in latter years been treated to but very few artistic interpretations of Shakespeare, Ben Greet being the last to put on "As You Like It." The interpretation at that time, with Miss Edith Wynne Matheson as Rosalind, was regarded as a distinct treat, but it must be confessed that the earlier interpretation outclassed that of Greet.

In the beautiful character of Rosalind, Miss Marlowe's art shone with a luster which enchanted her audience. She is a woman of striking beauty, with a face so expressive that every emotion is written plainly on it in harmony with the spoken lines. So completely does she subvert her own character to the role she plays, that one does not see Marlowe on the stage, but always the Rosalind of the Shakespeare ideal. In addition to her wonderful powers of facial expression, Miss Marlowe possesses a finely cultivated voice, a superb inflection, and an enunciation which made her words clear, despite

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the buzz of the spotlights. Her simplicity, naturalness and evident pleasure in the role, made it all that the most exacting lover of Shakespeare could demand.

Mr. Ben Field, who appeared as Touchstone, won great favor with the audience. He was seen here with Ben Greet, and was known to many of those present. He brought out all the humor of the king's jester, in a most satisfying manner, the many witty lines being delivered splendidly. The role is a strong one in Mr. Field's hands, and he shared the applause with the star.

Mr. Frederick Lewis' Orlando was a magnificent piece of acting, the wrestling scene with Mr. Albert Scott, as Charles, the wrestler, being exceptionally well executed. There was a heartily approval of Mr. Lewis' work which won approval.

The work of Miss Valentine as Phoebe, Miss Harrington as Celia, and Mr. W. H. Crompton, as Adam, the servant, is also worthy of notice.

The production was elaborately staged and costumed.

Al. H. Wilson.

Al. H. Wilson, the clever German dialect comedian, in Sidney R. Ellis' new play, of picturesque Switzerland, "Metz in the Alps," will be at the Grand Wednesday evening. When getting this play, Wilson, the author is said to have left ample scope for the introduction of "Metz" wonderful singing voice, which is heard at different periods throughout the play, when he sings such selections as "Fairer Flower of All," "Wilson's Lullaby," "Songs of Old Fatherland," and "The Switzerland," while his dialect singing mingles melody with a force of wholesome humor.

Mr. Wilson is supported by a large company, and in the scenic effects full advantage is said to have been taken of the picturesqueness of Alpine scenery, and the costumes are pleasing and correct as to the locale and time of the story.

Bonnie Brier Bush.

The play that has won all hearts, "The Bonnie Brier Bush," will be presented here on Friday evening at the Grand. The delightful story of "Auld Scotland" is one that is familiar to and appeals to everybody in its simplicity and charming naturalness.

The original production will be seen here, presented by what is said to be a high class company. A pleasing feature of the performance is a quartet of male voices, and the rendition of Loch Lomond, Mary of Argyrie, Annie Laurie, Ye Banks and Braes, is always a signal for a burst of enthusiasm from the audience.

Another feature which adds local color to the always delightful performance is the appearance of a Scotch bagpiper, Robert Ireland, late piper major of the Forty-eighth Highlanders of Toronto, who appears at every performance of the play.

WARRANT FOR DALTON COULDN'T LOCATE HIM

Mixup in Names Cause of Amusing Situation at the Police Court.

An amusing situation developed at the police court this morning when the name of Alex. Dalton was called. No one answered and everybody was in some suspense as to whether it was another case of disappearance which had been brought to the court. The mystery was not cleared up until the last case was disposed of, and one lone man remained sitting on the benches. His worship had ordered a warrant for the arrest of Alex. Dalton, when he spied the lone one on the bench.

"Who is that?" he asked.

"My name is Eric Dalston," came the reply, in rich Irish accents.

The mistake was explained, and Mr. Dalston, who was a first time drunk, was allowed to go.

Alex. Lawlor, charged with not sending his little daughter to school, said he would do so in future, and the case was adjourned for a week to see if he does.

J. Fleckman, for driving horses on the sidewalk, paid \$1.

A. Cook, charged with keeping a vicious dog, said his dog was not vicious. Frank Tucker, however, stated that the dog had bitten him. As no intimation had been given Mr. Cook, however, concerning the dog, the court held that he was not to blame, but warned him that in future he must take care that the dog bit no one or he would be liable.

William Milligan, who gave his name as Springfield, charged with being drunk, was allowed to go, as he was a first timer. Milligan is the man who got lost on his way home and was found with his clothes wringing wet, he having swum across the river.

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SIR MORTIMER CLARK MAY BE RETAINED

Ottawa, April 6.—Although Sir Mortimer Clark's term as Lieutenant-governor of Ontario expires on the 21st inst., it is quite probable that he will be asked to retain the post for some time longer until a successor has been chosen.

No choice has been made as yet, although it is said that Sir Richard Cartwright may have the appointment if he is disposed to make the change.

LIKELY TO STAND BY KINDERGARTEN

It is not likely that the board of education will make a slashing reduction in the kindergarten estimates, as advocated by some trustees. The necessity and value of the kindergarten are admitted, and if the system is established it must be made efficient or the money spent on it will not yield proportionate results. A number of the teachers were brought to the city under contract with the board of education, and it would be an injustice to dismiss them. Further, the kindergarten teacher's work is very trying and exhausting, and to double it would be too great a strain.

Said a public school teacher today: "I can always detect a child who has gone through the kindergarten. He is always brighter, more receptive and more advanced than the child which has not had the benefit of kindergarten training. The kindergarten is a great help to the teacher."

The board meets tonight to consider the estimates.

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At the regular meeting of the board of the Protestant Orphan's Home, held yesterday afternoon at the residence of the president, Mrs. C. McCallum, four applications for children were read.

All of them were for children over 12 years old, and could not be filled, as no children are allowed to remain in the home after they are 12.

It was reported that the epidemic of mumps which has visited the home the last few weeks is fast disappearing.

A check for \$25 from Hiram Walker & Sons was gratefully acknowledged.

At present there are 43 children in the home.

SPECIAL SERVICES DUNDAS ST. CHURCH

Every Evening This Week—Large Audience Last Night.

Special evangelistic services are being conducted in Dundas Street Church every evening during the week.

At last night's meeting a large audience was present, when Rev. E. B. Lancelotti spoke.

Tonight's meeting will be addressed by Rev. A. K. Birks.

It is understood that the meetings will be continued all next week, and that Madame Egbert, of Detroit, will sing every evening.

Miss Alice Chapman, of Boston, will speak in Dundas Street Church shortly.

METHODIST COUNCIL TO SUPERVISE

Steps Taken to Form One—A New Church at Pottersburg.

Steps were taken yesterday at the meeting of the Methodist ministers of this city and district to form a Methodist council, which shall supervise all the church work.

It was proposed that this council shall consist of all the ministers and representatives from among the laymen of each church.

The organization meeting of the new council will be held on Good Friday morning, when the officers will be chosen.

The need of such a council has long been felt, as there are a great many problems continually arising in the church extension policy, both in the city and country, which such a body can deal with more satisfactorily than any one pastor.

The missionary work has also assumed such proportions that the need of more help is felt.

The question of a new church at Pottersburg will be one of the first matters the new council will consider, and it is likely that it will be gone on with as soon as possible. In the meantime services will be held in the hall at Pottersburg.

NO PASSENGERS ON COAL BOATS

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"Regarding a passenger service across the lake, Mr. Leslie pointed out that it was impossible to have such a service on the present coal steamers," said Mayor Stevely. "He said that the boat was built for coal purposes only and consequently could not maintain a proper schedule. The boats must into port, unload, take on their load and go out again. It is all done within an hour and a half, and the boat will not wait until passengers come or anything like that. The company does not know when the boat will arrive, as it follows no regular schedule. And then he pointed out that if passengers are taken aboard, there are constant complaints about the service. They will demand the best regardless of the fact that the boat is a coal boat, and only takes passengers as an accommodation to them, not to the company. However, he intimated that if there was any possibility of a passenger traffic sufficient to warrant placing a steamer in commission on this route, his company would not mind taking the matter up. It is possible that a passenger service may be given in the near future."

What Mr. Price Wants.

"As for the property wanted by Mr. Price, the council is now in a position to know just what to do. The property is of no use to any person except Mr. Price, and it is of some value to him. The city cannot use it, as it is, and I cannot see why it could not be given to Mr. Price at least for a term of years, to protect him. It will mean a very great deal for the port. A new line of passenger steamers will touch the port. It will increase the traffic on the London and Port Stanley Railway, and will be a benefit to the city."

"We discussed improvements to the platform and the grounds with the Pere Marquette. I think a satisfactory arrangement will be made with the Pere Marquette for the improvements suggested."

"We also talked over beautifying the grounds. I hardly know what will be done with that, but I presume some scheme will be forthcoming shortly."

Meeting This Week.

"We will have a meeting of the London and Port Stanley board this week when the results of our trip will be made known. We had a most enjoyable time."

"We did not do anything particular," said Ald. Beattie. "We looked the ground over very carefully, and we will be able to discuss intelligently what is in the best interests of the city. We are absolutely convinced that the land asked for by Mr. Price is of no use to anybody but Mr. Price. I think that the increase of traffic on the road will be of infinite value to the city. The possibility of a passenger service across the lake is very important, as is also the possibility of a new line of steamers to touch the

IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT!

C. M. Grover & Co., Canada's Greatest Bargain Givers

TO OUR FRIENDS AND THE PUBLIC: In June, 1906, we took charge of the Great Farewell Sale at Brown's Shoe Store, 199 Dundas street, and within 90 days sold the entire stock of Fine Footwear, Trunks and Leather Goods, amounting to \$15,000, to the people of London and surrounding country. This event in Shoe history surprised the oldest businessmen of the city, as such a thing had heretofore been unknown in Canada.

In the summer of 1907 we conducted for Wm. Morrison, 148 Dundas street, the most successful Shoe and Trunk sale ever held in the city of London. This stock contained \$26,000 worth of Fine and Staple Footwear, Rubber Goods, Trunks, Bags, Suitcases, etc., and we cleaned out the greater part of it. The remainder included only the best, newest and most up-to-date goods in the stock.

In November and December, 1907, we conducted another very successful Shoe and Trunk sale at R. Neill's Shoe Store, 123 Dundas street, and in two months sold an immense amount of Footwear, Trunks, Suitcases, Bags and Leather Goods of every kind, carried by first-class business houses.

In March, 1908, we opened a twenty-one days' sale at Wm. Morrison's old stand, 148 Dundas street, and had a very gratifying success—gratifying to ourselves, Mr. Morrison and his customers.

In the meantime Mr. Morrison's store building was sold, and he purchased the well-known R. Neill Shoe Store, 123 Dundas street, and later sold C. M. Grover & Co. the entire stock in the old store, consisting of \$12,000 worth of Fine and Staple Footwear, Trunks, Bags, Suitcases, and Leather goods, also the Shelving, Fixtures, and Furniture complete. This stock embraced several thousand dollars' worth of New Spring Goods, and we have removed it to the remodeled store recently vacated by Smith Bros., plumbers, 265 Dundas street (south side), near the corner of Wellington street, have added to it \$10,000 worth of new, up-to-date Spring and Summer Footwear of every kind, from the leading Canadian and American manufacturers, AND NOW OFFER THE PEOPLE SUCH BARGAINS AS ONLY C. M. GROVER & CO., CANADA'S GREATEST BARGAIN GIVERS, CAN AFFORD TO OFFER.

We make the foregoing explanation to the people of London and Middlesex County, because whatever success we have won in our London sales is largely due to the people who patronized us. We have always prided ourselves in carrying out every promise made in our advertisements. We have stuck to the truth, for "TRUTH IS MIGHTY AND WILL PREVAIL."

Watch for the Big Sale, which will open at our store, 265 Dundas street, on Saturday morning, April 11, at 10 o'clock.

C. M. Grover & Co., Conductors. R. C. Brown, Manager.

WESTMAN MERELY BURNED FINGER

Nothing in the Mid-Air Tale as Sensationally Told.

Lineman Alfred Westman, who was reported to have been nearly electrocuted on Sunday morning, stated to The Advertiser that the report was untrue and that the story of him hanging helplessly in mid-air and being rescued is a fabrication.

"I merely touched a wire for a second and burned by finger. Such accidents are common every time we go out to fix a broken wire. I thought nothing at all of the affair, and went right along with my work. As to receiving a shock, as was stated, there was nothing of the kind. I have been working right along ever since."