

# GREAT FIRE SWEEPS TORONTO'S BUSINESS SECTION

TORONTO, APRIL 20.—Last night and early this morning, the greatest fire in the history of Toronto, if not of the Dominion, swept through a large section of the wholesale business district. At least thirty mercantile houses have been destroyed, and a rough guess at the loss entailed is \$10,000,000. At six o'clock this morning the flames were under control. The burned area constituted one of the richest sections, commercially, in Canada. The fire, the origin of which is as yet uncertain, started in a block on the north side of Wellington street, west of Bay street. From there the flames leaped to Front street, and for a time threatened to carry everything before it to the shores of the bay. With visions of the Baltimore disaster looming before them, the authorities early wired for assistance, and sections of the fire brigades from London, Hamilton, and Buffalo were dispatched to the scene.

## WHOLESALE DISTRICT SWEEP BY FLAMES; FIRE UNDER CONTROL AT 4 O'CLOCK A. M.

**Burned Area Covers Thirty Acres—Flames Swept Down Wellington Street From Bay to Yonge and Burns Through to Front Street.**

**Fire Chief Thompson and His Men, Cut Off by the Flames, Make a Thrilling Escape.**

**Brigade Handicapped by a Heavy Northwest Wind.**

### LIST OF FIRMS BURNED OUT

Assistance Sent by Fire Brigades of London, Hamilton and Buffalo.

[From our own Reporter.]

Toronto, Ont., April 20, 9 a.m.—The big fire is still raging, but since 4 o'clock this morning it has been under control, and is confined to the burned district. It has been the greatest fire in the history of the Dominion. The burned area covers about 30 acres, 92 firms have been burned out, and a conservative estimate puts the loss at \$10,000,000. The burned district includes the largest wholesale houses in the city, and many manufacturers, which will throw hundreds of people out of work. This most disastrous conflagration was an exceedingly difficult one to fight, and it is remarkable that not a fatal accident occurred. Chief Thompson had his leg broken and Fireman Gates was injured in the head by a falling telegraph pole.

The fire, which broke out in the warehouse of E. & S. Currie, tie manufacturers, Wellington street west, about 7:45 o'clock last night, spread rapidly, the water pressure being poor and a heavy wind blowing. The firemen, however, battled bravely and were assisted late in the evening by brigades from Hamilton and Buffalo. Early this morning Peterboro and London auxiliaries arrived, but their services were not needed.

### LATEST LIST OF LOSSES.

The following is the list of houses burned out with available estimates of losses: E. & S. Currie, ties; Pugsley, Dingman & Co., Toronto Soap Company, loss \$100,000, insurance \$80,000; J. H. Peters & Co., agents; G. W. D. Ross & Co., agents; Robert Taylor, wholesale millinery; A. W. Grasset, agent; Thomas Norman, agent; Dickerson, Rafferty & Co., small wares; Gillespie, Ainsley & Co., hatters; Continental Costume Company, George Bargfeldt & Co., agents; W. R. Brock Company, drygoods, loss on stock \$300,000, insurance \$50,000; Rolph Smith & Co., lithographers; Brown Bros., stationers, loss \$300,000, insurance \$250,000; Gordon MacKay & Co., drygoods, loss \$550,000, insurance \$400,000; Atkinson Bros., fancy goods; Cockburn & Rea, milliners; Merchants Building, John C. Green & Co., millinery; Drake, Hambley & Cockburn, fancy goods; Dignam & Monypenny, woolens, loss \$100,000, insurance \$75,000; Dodd's Medicine Company, C. H. Westwood & Co., notions; Garland Manufacturing Company, clothing; Alcock, Lait & Westwood, notions, loss \$100,000, insurance \$75,000; Ritchie & Ramsay, paper; William Jessop & Sons, steel; R. B. Hutchison & Co., woolens; Andrew Muirhead, paints, loss \$200,000; Davis & Henderson, stationers; E. W. Gilmore & Bro., silverware; International Brokers, Limited; Canada Paint Company, Ontario Neckwear Company, Canada Screw Company, George H. Hees, Son & Co., window shades; Menzie Manufacturing Company, shades; H. F. Sharpe & Co., photo supplies; Crown Hotel, Telegram Building (damaged), Gutta Percha and Rubber Company, loss \$500,000, insurance \$500,000; H. E. Bond

& Co., clothing; Johnston & Sword, neckwear; Scott & Bowne, chemists; Charles Cockshutt & Co., woolens, loss \$300,000, insurance \$250,000; William Croft & Sons, fancy goods; Hach, Brown & Sheridan, clothing; George E. Boulter, rubber goods; D. D. Hawthorne & Co., shoes; J. J. Garthshore, railway supplies; Eckardt Casket Company, loss \$200,000, insurance \$100,000; Barber & Ellis Company, stationers; Tooke Bros., W. E. Sanford Company, clothing; A. A. Allan & Co., hats; Toronto Cap Company, G. Goulding & Sons, millinery; Lowndes Company, clothing; Wyld-Darling Company, drygoods, loss \$500,000, insurance \$400,000; Dominion Fence Company, loss \$125,000, insurance \$75,000; Bunting, Reid & Co., stationers, loss \$200,000, insurance \$150,000; Hendrie Cartage Company, Henderson Roller Bearing Company, R. Simpson's factory, Barber-Ellis Company, Corticelli Silk Company, Carlaw Building, Gault Bros. & Co., drygoods; Empire Cream Separator Company, Garlock Packing Company, Globe Tobacco Company, Nisbett & Auld, drygoods; A. Bradshaw & Son, drygoods; The Samuel Benjamin Company, Mercantile Manufacturing Company, clothing; Toronto Coffee and Spice Company, McLaughlin Flour Mills Company, McClary Stove Company, Toronto Pharmaceutical Company, E. B. Eddy Company, paper manufacturers; Kilgour Bros., stationery; Western Shoe Company, Standard Cap Company, McMahon, Broadfield Company, crockery.

### CHIEF THOMPSON'S STORY.

The origin of the fire is unknown, though it is believed to be due to a defective electric wire. It broke out in the second floor of the neckwear factory of E. & S. Currie, 58 and 60 Wellington street west, and from there spread across the road to Brown Bros., stationers, whose fine and comparatively new building ran back to the rear of the Queen's Hotel on Front street. The story of the beginning of the fire was thus told by Chief Thompson, of the fire brigade, after his arrival at the Emergency Hospital: "When I reached the fire flames were issuing from the windows of the second floor of the E. & S. Currie's building and in the rear end of Gale's building. Finding that I was unable to gain entrance into Currie's, I ordered the men to hoist a ladder, in order to reach the fire escape attached to Gillespie, Ainsley & Co.'s building to the east. In the meantime, three lines of hose were pouring water into Currie's from Wellington street; the lane to the east of the building being too narrow to attempt to work in. Finding that the blaze was gaining headway with great rapidity, I attempted to break open the front door of Gillespie's, and after a hard tussle got on the inside with three lines of hose, but the streams did not do much good, as the fire, by this time, had fought its way up through to the third and fourth floors, and was spreading to the buildings to the north of Currie's. I had four men with me, and our next move was to get on the roof of the building.

### SURROUNDED BY FLAMES.

The fourth and fifth floors of Gillespie's, which are used by Pugsley & Dingman for storing purposes, were securely locked. Breaking the locks we found the upper portion of the build-

ing enveloped in flames. A cloud of smoke filled the flat, and having no lanterns we were imprisoned and were unable to locate the stairway. The firemen on the outside, throwing streams from the narrow lane-way heard our calls for help. They raised a ladder, which, however, did not reach within ten feet of the window we had broken open to get a breath of air. One

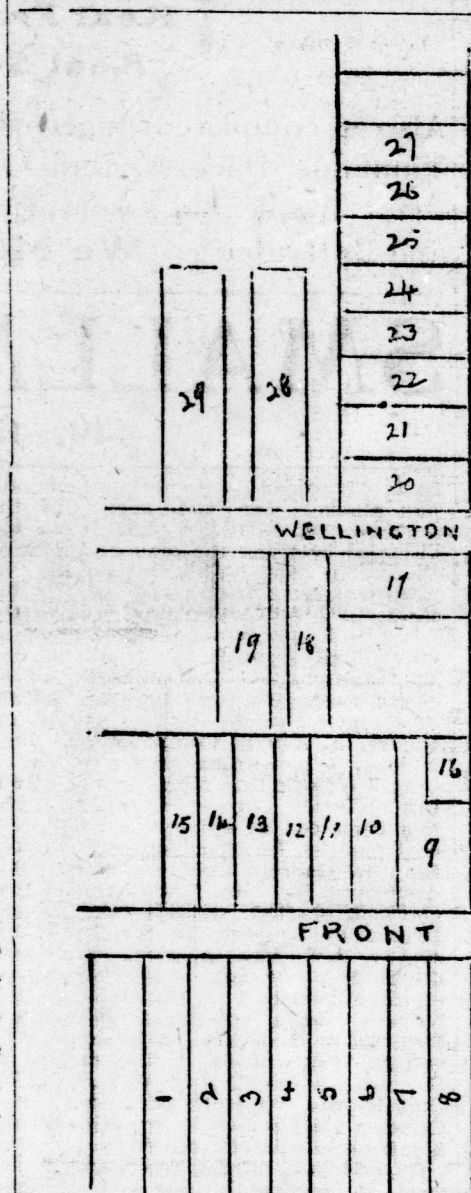


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of the firemen dropped a rope out of the window and the men below attached a line of hose to it. The nozzle was fastened on the interior of the window sill, and one by one the men descended to the pavement. I was the last to leave the burning structure. In endeavoring to grasp the window sill, my left hand slipped, but I managed to get a firm hold on the hose. I slid down very fast my right leg striking the asphalt pavement first with great force. I thought I escaped injury, but when I put my left foot down I dropped in a helpless position. I was hurriedly carried to the hospital, where it was found that the ligaments of my right ankle had been torn away and several bones broken. By this time an alarm had been made to a general alarm, but the efforts of the firemen were partly fruitless. Owing to the lack of water pressure the great water tower did not work well and the streams were not able to reach the top of the higher buildings. In the big Brock building at the corner of Bay and Wellington streets, the fire started in the top story and the firemen were powerless.

After the fire leaped from the Currie building into the Ainsley building the proportions of the fire became appalling. With their chief disabled at the first, the brigade bravely kept up the fight under the leadership of Deputy-Chief Noble. The men made a gallant rescue of the water tower, which was threatened with destruction. It was a risky task, in view of the tottering appearance of the towering walls and the intense heat, but half a dozen made the run. Firemen Tomlin and Gates taking the pole, and the appliance was saved. In doing it, the men received several shocks of electricity, which flooded the streets, having be-

come charged from the broken wires which were now strewn the ground in all directions, and in themselves constituted a serious menace.

### A SEA OF FLAME.

Simultaneous with the breaking out of the fire in the Brown Bros. building, Suckling & Co.'s building, to the east, and adjoining Currie's, caught fire. Then the roof of Dignam & Monypenny's building, on the north-west corner of Bay and Wellington streets, became ignited, necessitating

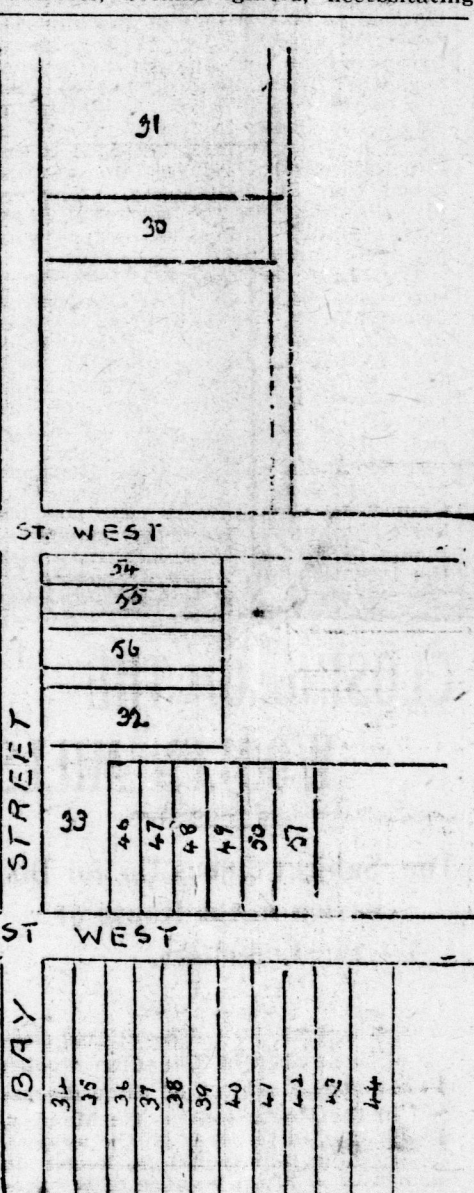


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a further division of the fire-fighting appliances. In an incredibly short space of time Suckling's, Currie's, Brown's and Dignam & Monypenny's were all a mass of flames and the streams of water seemed but to add fuel to the conflagration. The Goole Manufacturing Company's immense premises on the north side of Wellington, next took fire. The heat being sufficient to start flames in the Office Specialty Company on the east side of Bay street, and next door to the Telegram. By splendid fighting this was saved, as was also the Queen's Hotel, though the fire spread south to the rear of the hotel, and burned Warwick Bros. & Co. By this time the flames had spread to the Brock building, and then across Bay street to the big wholesale house of Wyld, Darling & Co. The fine house of Gordon McKay & Co., who have been established on the corner of Bay and Front streets

### WEATHER BULLETIN.

**TOMORROW—FAIR AND MILD.** Sun rises at 5:27 a.m., sets at 7:07 p.m. Moon rises at 8:55 a.m., sets 11:56 p.m. Toronto, April 19-8 p.m.—The pronounced cold wave from Manitoba has spread over Ontario and Quebec, while in the Maritime Provinces the weather, although somewhat milder, has been unsettled, with falls of rain and sleet. The weather continues quite mild in the Northwest Territories, and these more favorable conditions will now spread eastward. Minimum and maximum temperatures: Dawson, 26-54; Victoria, 46-52; Calgary, 30-48; Medicine Hat, 44-60; Qu'Appelle, 24-40; Winnipeg, 14-42; Port Arthur, 15-32; Toronto, 25-30; Ottawa, 22-32; Montreal, 22-45; Quebec, 22-35; St. John, 24-42; Halifax, 24-45. Wednesday, April 20, 8 a.m. The highest and lowest readings of the thermometer at the observatory, Tuesday, April 19, were: Highest 41, lowest 21.

### TORONTO'S BIG FIRE.

Buildings burned, 123. Area covered by fire, thirty acres. Losses of buildings and stock, from 10 to 17 millions. The number of firms burned out, 92. Estimated insurance, \$7,000,000. Time of fire, 10 hours.

ALL FRONT STREET AFIRE.

While the firemen were fighting the flames on Front street, other streams were being poured on the buildings on Bay and Wellington streets. By 1 o'clock the fire had worked its way up the rear of the east side of Bay street from the Barber & Ellis Company to the Wyld-Darling Company at Bay and Wellington. The firemen made a brave effort to keep the flames from spreading to the Wyld-Darling building, but in vain. Following an explosion, the front of the structure occupied by the M. & L. Samuel Benjamin and Buntin, Reid & Co. crashed to the ground, taking with it the telegraph poles and wires on Bay and Wellington street. A falling arm of a telegraph pole on which the wires are attached struck Fireman Gates, of the Bay street section, on the head, inflicting a severe scalp wound. Several of his comrades, who were throwing a stream of water into the Goulding building, were knocked down, and it was with great difficulty that they were extricated from the network of wires which came down with the crash from the Buntin-Reid warehouse. The water tower which had just been moved to Bay and Wellington streets, barely escaped destruction. The Calaw building on Wellington street, and the Corticelli Silk Company's warehouse adjoining, caught fire at 1:45 a.m. When the blaze reached the northeast end of the Wyld-Darling structure, the firemen directed their attention to the Nisbett & Auld building in hopes of saving that structure from destruction. At 2 o'clock every building on Front street from the customs house at the corner of Yonge across Bay street to Lorne street was fiercely burning.

It was fortunate that the wind carried the flames towards the bay, and it was only this that saved the fire from spreading up Yonge street and north of Wellington, and in fact from setting the whole city on fire. At 3:30 o'clock the handsome Board of Trade building, customs house and Bank of Montreal, were in imminent danger. Next to the Bank of Montreal on the north side of Front street is the Minerva Building, which was gallantly saved by the firemen fighting it on the very roof. At the same time the wharves and buildings there were threatened, but were fortunately saved. The fight to save the customs house was one of the most desperate in the whole fire. The McMahon Block, shot up volumes of flames, which the strong wind drove with terrific fury against the southeast corner of the customs house. For over two hours two streams were kept playing on the building, and for a time it seemed that the efforts of the dauntless firemen would prove of no avail. The water converted into steam dashed in the men's faces, but still they held on. At 4:10 o'clock the wall gave away, and to the crowd it seemed that all the men had perished. Fortunately Policeman Dent saw the wall giving way, gave the alarm and all the men got away in safety. Fireman Nicholas Sweetman was slightly injured, but otherwise all escaped unscathed. On the west boundary of the burned district was Lorne street and

Queen's Hotel, the saving of which was a marvelous piece of work and on the north the Telegram building, with the flames also checked at the east by the Bank of Montreal on Front and the Union Bank on Wellington street. The saving of the customs house was the turning point, and at 5 o'clock it was announced that Toronto's most disastrous fire was under control.

### A SPLENDID SPECTACLE.

Pen Picture of Scene From Top of High Buildings.

From the tops of large edifices in the central district, the spectacle was the most stupendous and magnificent that it is possible to conceive. This was particularly the case when the Comfort Soap building was burning. Immense masses of clear flame were seen to leap 75 to 100 feet into the air. Then there would be showers of small, burning particles that the heavy draughting carried far up into the air, shining like a vast galaxy of meteors. The sight of men seen through a mist of smoke and steam busy on distant roofs taking preventive measures lent a human significance to the battle. The struggle to save the Telegram building was heroic. It was in the very path of the fire during the early part of the night. Buildings were burned all around it, but fire after fire was extinguished. Particularly striking was the manner in which the office building on the northwest corner of Bay and Wellington streets caught fire. It was thought to have been saved and did not catch fire until long after the buildings north of it were gutted. The firemen were devoting themselves to saving the building on the east side of Bay street, when the hundreds of spectators on distant points of vantage could see little serpentine tongues of flame running over the roof unchecked. Presently there was a great burst of flame and the edifice was doomed. When Brock's warehouse, which had withstood the flames for three hours, took fire the first part to catch was the elevated water tank which made a weird sight in the red sky. Presently the falling cinders set fire to the roof. A unique feature of the spectacle was the brilliant manner in which the far-away buildings were illumined. Looking to the north from high buildings every window in the city glimmered like topazes and rubies.

### FLAMES WERE IRRESISTIBLE.

Most Solid Buildings Licked Up by the Fierce Blaze.

The scene presented to the observer from an elevated stand on the Confederation Life building was immense in its wildness and its ferocity. The flames swept onward to the water front, carrying everything with them.

in their terrible whirlings, while building after building fell a prey to the all-devouring element. The action of the flames was most remarkable when resisted for a time by a solid building like that of the W. R. Brock Company. They did not halt in their furious rush, but seemed to run round the structure and redoubled their rage whilst attacking the edifices beyond. It was remarkable how swiftly the flames spread, despite the gallant and strenuous efforts of the firemen, who held their post till the very last moment, and had barely time to evade the falling walls.

### HEAT WAS INTENSE.

Fire-Fighters Driven Back and Overcome On Bay Street.

About 1 o'clock the fire between Wellington and Front streets on Bay street seemed to take a new lease of life. The entire street was wrapped in flames, and tons of water that poured in torrents on it had no visible effect whatever. The Canada Vellum Company, immediately north of Gordon-MacKay's, burned most fiercely, and the firemen playing the hose upon it were repeatedly driven back on account of the intense heat. Several of them were overcome by smoke and fell to the pavement, but a few moments of the fresh air revived them, and they were able to resume their duties.

### THE FIRE INSURANCE.

Fearful That Some Companies May Be Badly Crippled.

An exact or even approximate estimate of the total fire losses it was impossible to obtain from officers of the fire insurance companies last night, as they did not know the extent of the devastation nor the amount of risks carried by each other, but the total damage was enormous and several leading insurance men placed it at eight or nine millions. Even twelve million dollars was not considered an extravagant statement to make regarding the values of the property that was destroyed. Every insurance company conducting business in the city was a heavy loser, and it is almost certain that many will sustain crippling blows, from which they will take all the resources of far-seeing and enterprising business men to pilot them safely over. The district covered by the fire was considered the best risk in the country, for any fire insurance company to take, hence the property was written up to almost its full value in many instances. What will probably increase the estimates is the fact that a number of the manufacturing establishments burned had recently put in new machinery and in some cases whole plants. It is highly probable that much of this machinery will be worth anything after being heated to such a great extent.

## London Sent a Contingent To Fight the Toronto Fire

**City Was Called Upon for Help and Responded With Ten Men—Went on a Special Train, but Services Were Not Needed, the Fire Being Under Control—Fast Run Made.**

At 11:10 o'clock last night Chief Clark, of the local fire department, received the telegraphic message from Mayor Uruhart, of Toronto, asking for assistance. The chief immediately notified Mayor Beck, who instructed him to take ten men from the different stations, the steam engine and the hose wagon loaded with a thousand feet of hose. Arrangements were at once made with the Grand Trunk for a special train, and in less than ten minutes the firemen were at the Wellington street sheds, with No. 3 and No. 2 departments at the Central station, but it was nearly 1 o'clock before the flat cars were ready. Assisted by citizens, among whom was Ald. Judd, the firemen got the wagon and heavy engine loaded in quick time. Then they were fastened in their places. When they were considered safe the train moved up the siding. A caboose was attached, and at London East orders were given for a through right of way, as the second

section of No. 8, which carried the special signals. Chief Clark was accompanied by Firemen J. Case, D. McDonald, Nicholson, George Stinson, W. C. Allen, J. Thompson, R. A. Haylock, R. Robinson, Frank Blackwell and Richard Eggleston. The crew that had charge of the train were J. Nolan, conductor; H. Bourne and A. McCallum, brakemen; Harry McInnis, driver, and A. Johnston, fireman. The crew were most obliging, and did all in their power to make the passengers comfortable, even providing refreshments. An exceedingly fast run was made, and the train flew through all yards, arriving at the Union Station, Toronto, shortly after daybreak. Water was taken at Paris, the train only stopping for a few moments at Harrisburg and Hamilton. The chief anxiety of the trip was the security of the fire engine, as the speed down grades, and around curves was very great. Continued on page 5.

## HEAVY FIGHTING IN FAR EAST

**Battle Said To Be Raging at Port Arthur—Japs at New Chwang.**

London, April 20, 2:02 p.m.—A dispatch to the Central News from St. Petersburg says it is reported that a Japanese force has landed near New Chwang. The hull in news from the far east continues, there being nothing new this morning beyond a vague report from the Standard's correspondent at Che Foo that heavy firing was heard last night and that searchlights were observed working. None of the numerous reports of Japanese landings is yet verified. The Paris Journal prints a dispatch from its correspondent at Yin Kow, which says it is affirmed that a fresh battle is raging at Port Arthur.

## GREAT AVALANCHE BURIES MINERS

**One Hundred Men Swept to Death Near Turin, Italy.**

Turin, Italy, April 20.—About 100 miners have been buried by an immense avalanche near the village of Pragelato. A violent storm is sweeping over that locality and it is feared that other avalanches may fall, but the whole population of the village and a detachment of 40 soldiers have gone to the scene of the disaster, hoping to save some of the buried miners. NOT AS COLD. Last night was not as cold as the preceding night, the thermometer at the local observatory only dropping to 21 degrees above zero, or one degree below the freezing point.



THE BUSY STORES

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Fine line of Boys' White Galatea Sailor Hats, regular 75c. Sale price 50c each. We have a lot of Black Sequin Wreaths we are clearing at 25c and 35c each. See them.

A lot of Fine Jet Sprays, for Bonnets and Hats, value 20c to 45c. Clear them out at 20c each. See them.

Rhinestone and Steel Buckles, large and small, worth up to 15c, 20c. Sale price 5c each to clear them.

### Staple Department.

Cream Mix Flannellette, wide width. Special line to clear at 4c yard.

### Hosiery Department.

Ladies' Fine Black Cotton Hose, regular 12½c and 15c. For 10c and 12½c pair.  
Double-Knitted Wool Hose, heavy make, in black, regular 25c. Sale price 19c.

### A WOODSTOCK SCANDAL

\$5,000 Claimed For Alienation of Wife's Affections.

Woodstock, April 20.—A high court writ was issued Monday on behalf of C. W. Buckborough, blacksmith, of Ingersoll, claiming \$5,000 against James Herenden, proprietor of the Caister House, this city, for alienation of Mr. Buckborough's wife's affections. Mrs. Buckborough has been staying at the Caister House for some time, and last week she disappeared. Mrs. Herenden left at the same time. Mrs. Herenden followed the wife to Detroit and located there. She assailed Mrs. Buckborough and was rescued by the police. Hearing of the actions of his wife, Buckborough came to Woodstock and investigated the affair, with the result that the writ was issued.

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### ACCIDENTALLY SHOT.

Chatham, April 20.—A very sad shooting fatality occurred near Blenheim Monday afternoon. Willie, the 14-year-old son of Robert Bennett, and a young companion, named Handy, started out for the purpose of shooting pike in a small creek near Morpeth. Handy had put the gun in the boat, and was getting in himself, when in some way the firearm fell or was knocked down and discharged. The lad Bennett received the full charge in his hip and bled so profusely that when help did arrive nothing could be done and the unfortunate lad died early in the evening.

## JAP MOVEMENTS PUZZLE RUSSIANS

Nervous As To Destination of Mikado's Transports.

300,000 MEN WITH KUROPATKIN

Dispatch of Troops to the Far East Suspended For the Present.

St. Petersburg, April 19, 4:30 p.m.—No confirmation has been received here up to this hour of the reported arrival of a big fleet of Japanese transports in the Gulf of Choo La. Reports differ widely as to the destination of the fleet. Kin Chou, situated on the narrow part of the Liao Tung Peninsula, above Port Arthur; Kai Chou, south of New Chwang, and New Chwang itself being mentioned by the various reports. An attempted landing at the head of the Liao Tung Gulf has been anticipated for some time, but latterly the Russians have been inclined to believe that they have so strengthened their positions there that the Japanese have abandoned the idea. The Japanese are now raiding party to cut the railway to Port Arthur. It is considered possible that the Japanese may have decided that the time is ripe for a good opinion they are striving to obtain.

The fact is that the Russians seem greatly at sea as to the Japanese plans. In the best-informed military quarters, considerable skepticism is found in regard to the reported Japanese landing in Liao Tung Gulf and an inclination to think it has been too widely advertised to prove more than a ruse. If a heavy landing occurs now, except in Korea, the Russian authorities are more disposed to believe that it will be near Taku Shan. Japanese transports are expected daily at the mouth of the Yalu River.

The reports that there are 5,000 Cossacks in the neighborhood of Gen-san (Won San), on the northeast coast of Korea, are denied. The Russian cavalry is scouting along the east coast of Korea, but not so far down as Gen San.

While there is almost constant skirmishing along the Yalu, the Russians do not believe that the Japanese will seriously attempt crossing the river until their advance can be supported by two corps, which, their advisers indicate, about represent the strength of the Mikado's southern army. The general staff is of the opinion that the Japanese war must be protected, and that a third corps must be landed and entrenched in Korea.

General Kuropatkin's dispositions, the general staff say, are progressing rapidly and satisfactorily. The troops concentrating about Mukden are being sent to their allotted positions. About 30,000 are employed in guarding the railway, but the number is considered sufficient. They are mainly on duty about the massive bridges and heavy cuts, and the serious damage could be done by explosions.

There is no necessity for a heavy guard on the railway. There has been where damage could be repaired in a few hours. The Russians know the Japanese are making desperate efforts to cripple the railway by blowing up bridges. A number of Japanese officers have already been caught red-handed, but the Russian believe the measures taken will prevent the possibility of such a catastrophe.

It was claimed by the general staff today that General Kuropatkin now has 300,000 men at the theater of war, sufficient for present requirements. A prominent officer of the staff stated that the dispatch of troops to the far east has been suspended for the present. General Baron Stakelberg has been given command of the first East Siberian corps, to which belong the advance forces. General Kushtakov is in command of the third division at the Yalu River. General Stakelberg is 53 years of age, fought during the Turkish campaign, and Russian-Turkish war, and was a corps commander during the suppression of the Boxer uprising. Stakelberg succeeded General Vladimir N. D. Sakharov, chief of staff. He is the only Russian general without a ribbon, although he has numerous honor decorations.

Mr. Pringle today said it was impossible for more protection in his speech at Montreal Saturday night. Mr. Hyman explained that what he meant was that the position of the eastern manufacturer would be greatly improved by the construction of the Grand Trunk Pacific, as eastern manufacturers would then be carried to the west at lower freight rates, and in this way and to the extent of the lower rates, the protection given to the manufacturers would be increased.

The debate on the Grand Trunk Pacific Railway was continued by Messrs. Kemp, Hughes (P. E. I.), Ferguson and Thompson (North Grey). The House adjourned at 11:15 p.m.

COAL STRIKE RIOTS  
Shooting and Burning in Progress at Summerseat, Pennsylvania.

Summerseat, Pa., April 19.—The striking coal miners at Garrett are reported to have taken control of the town. Armed men are said to be patrolling the streets, and a mob armed with rifles and shotguns is reported to have surrounded the works of the Garrett Coal Company. An outbreak is momentarily expected between the strikers and the miners in the company barracks. The latter are nearly all Italians, and are said to be armed and prepared to resist an attack if made. Sheriff Coleman, as soon as apprised of the state of af-

airs, organized a posse of 25 men, and has started for the scene of the trouble. At least 200 shots were exchanged between the mob and men at the mines last night, but so far no fatalities have been reported. At the house of Joseph Jock, an Italian grocer, the lamps were extinguished by shots fired through the windows, and the family spent the night in terror. Shots were also fired into the houses of George Hamilton, mine foreman for A. M. Merrill Company, and John Nelson, a union miner.

At 3 o'clock this morning the dwelling of Jerry Meyers, a miner, who has been out of employment for several months, was fired upon by the men for the Garrett Coal Company, was discovered on fire. Trouble also, it is claimed, started outside the house. Driven by a fierce wind, it cut off escape, and Mrs. Meyers, her two daughters, one son and two small children perished in the flames. Mr. Meyers and a boarder named Jonas Sullivan dashed through the flames to safety. Reports as to the origin of the fire are conflicting, but all agree that it was the work of incendiaries. Coroner Luther has been notified, and has gone to Garrett, about 6 o'clock. All the officers are armed with Winchester, and will be prepared to enforce the law.

ROUGH ON WHISKY  
Cured a Case That Baffled Other Treatments.

Portage La Prairie, April 18.—Sir, I wrote you some time ago about your cure, but before I received your reply my son, who does not live with me, met with an accident. His horse ran away and he was thrown out of his seat. He was very badly hurt, and he was in the hospital for some time, and I thought it a good chance to try your medicine. A day or so before this I saw the medicine advertised in a Winnipeg paper. I got Mr. Caniff, who keeps a drug store here, to telephone at once for the medicine. I was as directed at first, but after a time I told my son, and he has taken all of one bottle. That is over two months ago, and he has not drunk any since, and is feeling so well. He tells me, met with an accident. His horse ran away and he was thrown out of his seat. He was very badly hurt, and he was in the hospital for some time, and I thought it a good chance to try your medicine. A day or so before this I saw the medicine advertised in a Winnipeg paper. 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## BIRTHS, MARRIAGES, DEATHS.

**GOODBURN**—In this city, on April 19, 1934, Allan Goodburn, in his 70th year. Funeral on Friday, from family residence, 419 Princess avenue, at 3 p.m.; service at 2 p.m. Friends please accept this intimation. 82a

**KIPP**—Harriet, beloved wife of Hamlet Kipp, on Tuesday morning, April 19, in her 51st year.

Funeral (private) Thursday, April 21, from her late residence, 83a

**LOGAN**—At the family residence, on 4, West Nisour, on Tuesday, April 19, 1934, Rena Logan, youngest daughter of the late John and Rachel Logan, aged 14 years and 5 months.

Funeral on Thursday at 1 o'clock p.m., to Brown's Hill. Friends and acquaintances will please accept this intimation.

**WALKER**—On April 19, 1934, at his late residence, lot 24, on 3, North Dorchester, David H. Walker, in his 85th year.

Funeral from the above residence, on Friday, April 22, at 2 o'clock, to Pond Mills Cemetery. Friends and acquaintances please accept this intimation.

**PALMER**—At the family residence, West Nisour, on April 19, Ethelne James Palmer, second eldest daughter of David Palmer, aged 19 years, 2 months, 21 days.

Funeral on Thursday at 3 o'clock. COOK—In this city, on April 19, 1934, Edna Toy, youngest daughter of James and Angelina Cook, aged 10 years, 3 months and 1 day.

Funeral from the family residence, 296 William street, on Thursday, April 21, 1934, at 3 o'clock; service at 2:30 p.m. Friends and acquaintances please accept this intimation.

**CLIVE**—At Copenhagen, Denmark, on April 19, 1934, Rosalie Elisen, eldest daughter of Reginald A. Clive, of this city, aged 23 years.

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**MURIEL FOSTER CONCERT** AUDITORIUM, TUESDAY, APRIL 23, 1934. Assisting artists, Cyril Dwight-Edwards (baritone), Emil Renaud (pianist). Plan open for subscribers, Friday, 22nd, at 9 o'clock at the Auditorium.

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**WANTED—GOOD GIRL FOR GENERAL** work; no washing. Fitzgerald, 252 King street, 83c bw

**WANTED—DINING-ROOM GIRL AND** upstairs girl. Apply at Metropolitan Hotel. 82c

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## Toronto's Calamity.

Toronto's great misfortune will appeal to the sympathy of the country, but the people of the Queen City have cause to be thankful that it was no worse. Fortunately the wind that fanned the flames was a north wind, and if the fire had defied control it must have been soon stayed at the water's edge. A south wind would have endangered the palatial city hall and perhaps carried the conflagration into the residential districts. Happily, there is no call upon charity. The city is spared the distressing features of the great fires in Ottawa, which swept away the homes and belongings of hundreds who were least able to bear the loss. The burned-over district in Toronto was largely occupied by wholesale houses, which from ordinary prudence would be fairly well insured. The blow will fall chiefly upon the insurance companies, which will be harder than in the first Ottawa fire, where the class of property destroyed was not highly insured.

It is announced that the majority of the firms burned out will take immediate steps to rebuild. Most of them were old-established houses, on good terms with their bankers, and never so busy as at the present time. The enterprise of Toronto's commercial men is exemplary and will, no doubt, assert itself in a manner worthy of the city, and the Province.

## The Land of Filth.

The British expedition in Tibet, now nearing its destination, has encountered physical difficulties which are unique in military experience. Twelve hundred troops, British and Indian, are exposed for the first time to life at heights ranging from 10,000 to 15,700 feet above the sea level. The thermometer has ranged nightly from 7 to 25 degrees below zero, but the wind and the occasional blizzards have inflicted far more suffering than mere frost. At these altitudes the least exertion brings on breathlessness and a sensation of weakness. To put on a pair of boots and gaiters is often a serious exertion for the newcomer. Headache, apathy, nausea, and, in extreme cases, diarrhea, have been the usual symptoms of mountain sickness displayed on reaching a certain height. In addition indigestion has been common, and is caused in a peculiar way. The boiling point of water descends rapidly as the altitude increases. At 15,000 feet it is about 30 degrees colder than at sea level, and the normal amount of cooking is quite inadequate. At 15,000 feet it is almost impossible to boil rice properly. The Indian troops cannot understand these aberrations of gastronomy, and as a result there has been a great deal of insufficient cooking. Many of the Maxim guns and rifles have been almost disabled by frost. The oil freezes into a clogging mess which causes endless misfires. The difficulty could only be overcome by taking out the stocks of the Maxims and keeping them warm and dry in the breast pockets of the officers of the guns. The men on cold nights take their rifles into their blankets with them for the same reason. The elasticity of springs is also affected by the temperature, so that the increased pull of the fuse springs on the Maxims will only allow single shots to be fired. Even in the few cases where the spring has been weakened the automatic action asserts itself at a greatly reduced rate of speed.

According to the correspondent of the London Times, who is accompanying the expedition, the Tibetans are the filthiest race in the world. Water is almost non-existent except during the melting of the snow. The men and women have never washed themselves and never intend to. Their skins are naturally clear and sallow, and they are a good-complexioned race; but ingrained dirt has made their faces as black as the peat walls of their sod-built hovels. In the absence of trees these wretched people are compelled to use argol or dried yak manure as fuel. The heavy, greasy and foul-smelling fumes coat the interior of the houses with a layer of soot which it would be useless labor to remove. The correspondent gives these finishing touches to his picture of a typical Tibetan town:

"But it is the exterior of the houses that strikes one most. Let it be said at once that in the best quarter of the town, that in which the houses are two storeyed, the heaped-up filth—dejects and rejecta alike—rises to the first floor windows, and a hole in the mess has to be kept open for access to the door. It must be seen to be believed. In the middle of the street, between the two banks of filth and offal, runs a stinking channel, which thaws daily. In it horns and bones and skulls of every beast enter, or not eaten by the Tibetans—there are few of the latter—he till the dogs and ravens have picked them clean enough to be used in the mortar walls and thresholds. The stench is fearful. Half-decayed corpses of dogs he cuddled up with their manly but surviving brothers and sisters, who do not resent the ravens. Here and there a stagnant pool of filth has partially defied the warmth, and carries, verminous rags, and bones are set round it in broken yellowish ice. In the middle the brown patch is iridescent. A curdled and filthy torrent flows through the market-place, and half-breed yaks shove the sore-eyed and mouth-bleeding children aside to drink at it."

The latest dispatches indicate that the Tibetans have ceased to oppose the British progress, and are surrendering their arms. The expedition is only 40 miles from Gyantse, which will be its base and from which it will endeavor to open up communication with the disaffected rulers at Lhasa.

## The New Assessment Law.

The Ontario Legislature, after dailying some years with the question, has at last evolved a new assessment law. It is the work of both parties, and the Opposition may claim some credit for treating it in a non-partisan spirit. The charge is made against the measure that it is a patchwork affair and follows no consistent principle. The business tax, which takes the place of the personality tax, discriminates between different occupations and classes of business. The wholesaler is assessed on a higher scale than the retailer and the hotelkeeper, brewer and distiller still higher. A telephone company is assessed on a larger percentage of its earnings than a telegraph company, while a different basis of taxation is provided for railway companies, electric light and power companies and similar corporations. These discriminations are purely arbitrary, the legislature treating each occupation or class of business on its own merits, without reference to any well-defined theory of taxation. The old personality tax, however, was theoretically perfect, but in practice it was full of abuses and inequalities, which could not be overcome unless human nature changed greatly for the better. The new system may not be symmetrical in the abstract, but it leaves no room for the evasion of taxes, as did the personality tax, and it will reach many who now contribute little or nothing to the municipal revenue, but can well afford to. Those who framed the law tried to the best of their knowledge to base the assessment of each class of taxpayers on its ability to pay. An ideal system of taxation, if it is ever to be found, will not be reached until public education on this subject goes a great deal further. As long as we continue to levy a fine on improvements and industry we are a long way from a rational solution of the problem.

Alexieff wants to throw up his job. He helped to drag his country into the war and doesn't know how to get it out.

Everyone knew that "Texas" was a bad character, and to crown his infamy the Free Press now discovers that he's a Grit.

The London Times has a steamer cruising around Port Arthur, transmitting messages to the nearest cable station by wireless telegraphy and scooping all the other newspapers in the universe. Yet we are told the British have no enterprise.

The Toronto World has sent one of its staff to Manitoba to write up western progress. In his very first letter he declares that a single track is unequal to the volume of traffic. Perhaps the World can explain how Mr. Borden's single-track railroad policy will remedy this.

Mr. Carnegie's \$5,000,000 endowment fund for heroism brings the total of his gifts, since he started out in his effort to avoid dying rich, up to a round \$100,000,000. These are classified as follows:

Carnegie Institute, Pittsburgh	7,852,000
Polytechnic School Pittsburgh	4,000,000
Pension fund, Pittsburgh	4,000,000
Carnegie National University	10,000,000
Dunfermline endowment	2,500,000
Scottish universities endowment	15,000,000
Libraries in the United States	27,765,000
Libraries in foreign countries	4,561,750
Peace Temple at The Hague	1,500,000
National engineering societies	1,500,000
Heroes' fund	5,000,000
Unclassified gifts to the U. S.	10,000,000
Unclassified gifts, foreign	1,250,000
Total	\$100,001,123

## A SURE SIGN.

[Exchange.]  
He—I think I'm pretty sure of Katy.  
She—She's insisting upon my being more economical.

## CHERRY STONES AS HEIRLOOMS.

[London Daily Mail.]  
King Edward recently left some cherry stones on his plate at a public function. The moment he left the table a crowd of American ladies scrambled for them, with the result that a great deal of handing them down to their descendants as family heirlooms.

## LISTEN BOY.

[Toronto Telegram.]  
The boy who always works with his eye on the clock, who is forever comparing the great size of his day's work with the small size of his day's pay, is his own worst enemy.

## A SNATCH OF HISTORY.

[Hamilton Times.]  
Mr. A. E. Kemp, M. P., seeks to appropriate for Sir John A. Macdonald the credit of the confederation of the Provinces into a Dominion. That is cheeky. The last thing Sir John desired was a confederation. He accepted it, because it was forced on him, rather than give up office; but he declared up to the last that he preferred a legislative union, with no local governing bodies.

## WHERE MRS. GAMP WORKED.

[St. James Gazette.]  
An early extension of Gamage's business premises in Holborn will demolish the famous old building in London landmark, a number of buildings, including the Black Bull Tavern, having been acquired.  
It is in "Martin Chuzzlewit" that Charles Dickens introduced the tavern. There it was that Mrs. Gamp relieved Mr. Prig at night in the nursing of Mr. Lewsome, Mrs. Prig having informed Bartholomew that "the soberest person going and the best of blessing in a sick room is Mrs. Gamp."

## SINGULAR HISTORY OF A LOST BREAKFAST.

[Chicago Tribune.]  
One bright day last spring Miss Ida May Greencastle, of Evansville, Ind., who was visiting friends in Chicago, took a walk through Lincoln Park, and while there sat down on the grass near the conservatory.  
A day or two later, after she had returned home, she missed a valuable breakfast she was almost certain she

had worn when in the park. She hunted high and low for it, but could not find it.  
A few days ago Miss Greencastle came again to Chicago on a visit to the same friends.  
Tempted by the bright sunshine she went to Lincoln Park to see the animals.  
Moved by idle curiosity, and without any hope of finding the lost breakfast, she hunted up the spot where she had sat down when in the park a year ago, and poked around in the damp grass with the tip of her umbrella.  
Something that glistened in the sunshine caught her eye and she stooped down and picked it up.  
It was a fragment of a broken pop bottle.

## LIFE.

(Sam Kiser.)  
A little cry of fear through which  
Your heart is won;  
Two eyes with sudden wonder filled,  
And life's begun.

The fears of childhood and the play  
That seem to die;  
The triumph of the altar when  
The bond is fast.

The striving after things whereby  
Men measure worth;  
The wrinkles on the thinning hair,  
The growing girth.

The rounded shoulders and the hopes  
That one by one  
Die until the last goes out  
And life is done.

## THE HORRORS OF WAR.

[New York Sun.]  
May it not come to pass, then, that before this generation has passed, perhaps long before, the great battleships on the construction of which the powers of civilization have expended huge sums of money and on which they are preparing to spend still greater sums, will be rendered obsolete and become practically a scrap heap? May it not be that we are approaching a period when the sphere of traditional naval activity will be more restricted than that of the airplane? The development of the system of submarine attack, resisted by ships, has gone on so fast, as the war in the east is demonstrating, but it may reasonably be assumed that even as yet it is only in its infancy.

## THE QUEEN OF QUEENS.

(Sam Kiser.)  
States rise and fall; the sceptered kings  
Arrived in royal robes and pomp,  
Must pass with other earthly things,  
Their flame shall fade, their thrones decay.  
But one proud queen will always reign  
And claim a royal place;  
Her realm is all of man's domain,  
Her throne the peaceful rocking chair.  
Her prince's head lies on her breast,  
Her crown is joy, her scepter love;  
She reigns by right of divine, expressed  
Directly to her from above.  
Though kings must pass, though nations wane,  
The glad young mother, proud and fair,  
While men are men shall sweetly reign,  
Enthroned upon the rocking chair.

## APRIL DAY.

(Alfred Thompson.)  
Dip down upon the northern shore,  
O sweet new year delaying long;  
Thou dost expectant nature wrong;  
Delaying long, delay no more.  
What stays thee from the clouded noon,  
Thy sweetness from its proper place?  
Can trouble live with April days,  
Or sadness in the summer months?  
Bring orchids, bring the foxglove spire,  
The little spurge, the silver plantain;  
Deep tulips dash'd with fiery dew,  
Laburnums, dropping-wells of fire.  
O thou, new year, delaying long,  
Delayest the sorrow in my blood,  
Thou lovest to burst a frozen band,  
And food a fresher throat with song.

## CEYLON LIKE AN ORIENT PARADISE

Tourists Can Select Any Climate They Prefer There.

## THE CROWS FOR ALARM CLOCKS

Cingalese People a Winsome Race, With Smiling Faces and a Charm of Manner.

Kandy, Island of Ceylon, April 12.—Ceylon is one of the earthly paradises where the climate would suit almost every one, if one finds it too hot at Colombo, he need only take his thermometer and go up hill until he finds the temperature that suits him, and if it is too damp, he may haste around to the northern plain, where rain only falls during the rainy season. February is the best month of all for traveling, since showers rarely fall, even in the high hills, and the middle of the dry season is the best time for the northeast monsoon, puts the great ornamental island estate of King Edward at its best.

In a few hours one may climb by railway to Kandy, 1,602 feet above sea level; and if that perpetual California climate does not please him, he may hitch his thermometer to a train again and ascend to Nuwara Eliya, 6,234 feet above sea level, after which there is only the summit of Pidurutalagala, 8,236 feet, and high heaven itself.

Colombo has so many interests and attractions to a traveler that it is hard to leave, but if one would make the most of the best weather of the year he must leave himself away from that Captiva with a hot hotel, where the long, lazy roll of the surf beyond one's window soothes with hypnotic spell, and tall Australian horses or pneumatic-tired jinnickishus whirl over hard, red roads between green hedges and groves of bananas and coconuts.

One soon acquires early-rising habits in the tropics, and all the voices of a thousand and one nights, the dawn crowing cocks of all countries, can never trouble one so effectively as the crows of Colombo, the same old squawking, bawling crows of India, who scream to the universe their desire for a share of the white man's early morning toast.

No alarm clock is needed to rouse one in the sky reddens beyond the horizon, and the long front in noisy flocks.

The door opens and the bare-footed servants in white with sound and puts down the tea tray with its spotted cloth, its shining silver service, its fragrant papayas and finger bananas, its hot milk and dish of jam, its stantaneously and automatically five black villains swoop down and light on the ornamental balustrade a few feet away. There is no drowsy or sleeplessness in their eyes, which they cloak this way and that way, automatically making the most of the situation with hand or cup. They are up and awake for all day. They wait for a piece of toast to be thrown them that they may display their expertness in catching it in the air, and if one does not feed them, and moves away from

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the tea tray, the crows will hop to the window ledge, then into the room, to snatch and fly away with a bit of toast, or, better yet, rub their bills deep in the butter and jam.

It is amusing for a while, but one soon tires of the brazen, black highwaymen and their raucous voices, and flings them the banana skin of insult, and then they are off, with parting squawks of anger and all the billingsgate of bird talk they can command.

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There are sudden swamps, too low for rice culture, surrounded by tangled vegetation, where shades and tints and tones of green mingle and contrast. One hardly notes the first rise to level, where the coral palm becomes omnipresent and stretches in patches and plantations on every side far beyond the railway to the right. Eucalyptus has been planted largely through all this low-lying, feverish swamp tract, and rustles its bluish leaves around each little brick-walled station, draped entirely around from pillar to pillar with vines and set in a garden of roses, hedged with tall crows. Such luxuriance of vegetation, such richness of flower and foliage is a rapture to the eye. The platform grows pleasant, gentle Cingalese people, are a greater pleasure to it.

How easily and quickly one comes to like these winsome, sympathetic, Aryan people, with their tall, graceful figures, their smiling faces, and the charm of their speech. And the blank, stolid mask of the Chinese face, the sickly yellow skin, the flat brows, flat eyes, and flat bridge of the nose, how expressive, how content is the Cingalese countenance, with the deep set, flashing eyes, the strong brow, the fine lines of the nose! It is as if a night-mare had been shaken off to be away from the expressionless, blank yellow face of the Chinese people, to see no more the overcast blue cotton or black, glazed calico clothes, their collarless coats, hopping trousers—and ignominious cue.

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**LONDON AND DISTRICT**

—Mr. Charles Sayers, a former Londoner, is dead at New York.

—Mrs. F. P. Drake has returned from Port Huron, where she was visiting her parents.

—General Manager Hays and Manager McGilgan, of the Grand Trunk, inspected the company's car works here yesterday.

—The firemen were called to a chimney fire at 226 Hill street this morning at 5 o'clock. No damage resulted from the blaze.

—Lance-Corporal Horace Cole, of the Twenty-first Essex Fusiliers, has arrived at Wolsley Barracks for a short course of instruction.

—At the latter Day Saints' convention at Kirtland, Ohio, Elder R. B. Howlett, of this city, was chosen one of the Council of Seventy.

—A saving match will be held on Friday afternoon, April 22, at the Creamer House, Belmont. Liberal prizes will be offered. The log to be used is a hard maple, 24 inches in diameter. The match is open.

—Miss Margaret McCoy, soprano; Miss Steele, pianist; Mr. John Todd, tenor; and Mr. Arthur Garthwaite, all of whom are well known in local musical circles, will assist the ladies' orchestra at the Women's Music Club concert tomorrow night.

—Mr. Samuel Grigg, the evangelist, of this city, is so pleased with the Northwest that he will take up a letter, Mr. Grigg says a large number of farmers are going into the Pelly district daily from the United States.

**CHRIST CHURCH CONCERT.**

Under the direction of Mr. Charles Percy, the Forest City Male Entertainment Club gave a concert in the school room of Christ Church last night before a large audience. The programme included recitations from Shakespeare, selections by the Chudwick Orchestra and solos by Messrs. H. C. Simpson, J. Wilson, and Master Geo. Long. Several excellent choruses were also given. The proceeds will be devoted to the organ fund.

**HONORED ABROAD.**

Mr. W. H. McGarvey, of Vienna, Austria, formerly of this city and Petrolea, was presented with an address on the occasion of his 50th birthday recently by the people in Galatia, where his great oil interests are located. Mr. McGarvey is a brother of Mrs. (Dr.) Westland, of this city.

**FUNERAL OF JOHN M. NAUGHTON**

The remains of Mr. John McNaughton, who died here on Monday, were taken to Woodstock, and the funeral took place from James T. Bain's undertaking establishment yesterday at the Presbyterian Cemetery. Mr. Laird law conducted the services. The de-

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ceased was born in Scotland about 70 years ago, and came out of this country when about ten years of age. He settled in Woodstock and remained there about thirty years. Several years ago he removed to London. Mr. McNaughton was well known to the older residents of Woodstock, and was highly respected. He is survived by two sisters in Port Wayne, Indiana, and a brother in Chicago.

**LEAGUE'S NEW OFFICERS.**

At the annual business meeting of the Empress Avenue League, held recently, the following officers were elected: Honorary president, Rev. T. E. Harrison; president, Miss M. Moore; first vice-president, Miss C. Lawrence; second vice-president, Miss M. Greene; third vice-president, Miss E. McPherson; fourth vice-president, Mr. S. T. L. Charlton; secretary, Miss A. E. Greenway; treasurer, Mr. H. Marshall; pianist, Miss L. Lawrence; collector of envelopes, Miss N. Scott; superintendent of forward movement, Miss L. Rossiter.

**ILLUSTRATED LECTURE.**

The illustrated lecture in the Collegiate Institute on Friday evening, April 22, should attract a large audience. This is the first time Londoners have been given the opportunity of hearing the classical lecturer of Toronto University. Prof. Carruthers has a most interesting collection of slides illustrating what remains of the sculpture, architecture and painting of the Greeks and early Romans. The subject for Friday evening is "Greek and Graeco-Roman Painting." The lecture is given under the auspices of the London Froebel Society, and Mr. E. J. MacRobert, chairman of the board of education will preside.

**MR. REID IN AUSTRIA.**

Letters to friends in the city from Mr. George M. Reid, who is in Vienna, Austria, convey the information that Mr. Reid's little daughter has been operated upon by the famous surgeon, Dr. Lorenz. The results will be known for some time and it is not likely that Mr. Reid and family will be able to leave for home until the middle of August. Dr. Lorenz is besieged with inquiries as to whether he will revisit America this year, but he tells Mr. Reid that he will be unable to make the journey.

**A PIONEER DEAD**

Mr. David H. Walker Had Lived in Dorchester Sixty-One Years.

Mr. David H. Walker, an old and highly-esteemed resident of North Dorchester Township, died last evening at the family residence in Dorchester at the age of 85 years. Mr. Walker was a native of Farfarshire, Scotland, where he was born in 1819, emigrating to Canada in 1820. He first settled in London city, where he resided one year; then coming to lots 2 and 24, con. 3 North Dorchester, he underwent the hardships of the pioneer farmers of those early days. In 1861 he married Miss Nancy Nichol, whose death occurred in 1890. The family consists of two sons, Samuel and David H. on the homestead, and Mrs. A. D. McCallum, of Belmont. A Presbyterian in religious faith, Mr. Walker was a descendant of the covenant stock of Scotland. In politics he was a steadfast Liberal. Personally, he was of a kindly, retiring disposition, greatly devoted to his family. The funeral will occur on Friday afternoon at 2 o'clock to the Pond Mills Cemetery.

Spain is getting to be a great source of supply for fruit consumers in England. Excellent melons, something like American cantaloupes are imported from Spain and can be bought in Liverpool at prices ranging from 6 to 16 cents during the season.

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**PARTING WITH THE PASTOR**

Stratford Baptists Make Handsome Present to Rev. W. J. McKay.

The Stratford Baptists on Monday night made a splendid presentation to Rev. W. J. McKay, B. A., M. A., and Mrs. McKay. The retiring pastor is leaving Stratford for Toronto at the end of the month, to take the editorship of The Canadian Baptist, the organ of the denomination in Canada. The proceedings included a musical programme, a highly eulogistic address and the presentation of a handsome gold watch to Mr. McKay, his good wife receiving a valuable set of silver knives, forks and spoons, in a fine seal leather case. Rev. Mr. McKay, his good known in London, which was formerly his home, and where his mother and also a sister (Mrs. John Hishop, 25 Peter street), still reside. The new editor takes charge of The Baptist on the 1st of May.

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**BROTHERHOOD IS GIVING CHURCH****A ROUSING, SAYS THE BISHOP**

Head of Huron Diocese Addresses a Meeting of New St. Andrew's Chapters.

The recently-organized branches of the Brotherhood of St. Andrew had a rally last night at Croun Hall, when nearly every member was present. The enthusiasm shown was a feature of the meeting. Canon Dunn, who presided, gave a short address at the commencement, introducing the two gentlemen who had come to stir up the work of the church. The church needed a rousing, and he was sure that the members of the brotherhood would succeed in doing it. He was glad, because the work affected the young men to such an extent. There were battle-grounds, and there were many forces struggling to predominate Satan, the world, and the flesh, were always struggling to drag the soul down, but a young man had faith in the Being to all these dreaded powers. When a young man went into the world, he could not expect the world to look with great favor upon him. The strength of his life, which was to protect him, was the knowledge of the Lord, armed with which a young man could go safely through the world. The brotherhood helped towards this end and therefore it was blessed. If a young man had faith in the Being to whom his prayers were addressed, a bright future lay before him. Two-minute speeches were next given by the directors of the different branches, and then the election of the local council was held, with the following result: President, T. H. Lucombe; J. Paul's secretaries; Messrs. Crawford, Christ Church; Cornish, Huron College; Thomas Hogg, All Saints; John Moulton, St. Matthew's; Andrews, St. George's; J. A. Manning, Memorial; Mitchell, St. John the Evangelist. The evening was brought to a conclusion by a collection being taken, which was to go towards defraying the expenses of the two organizers. A very substantial sum was contributed.

**HEAVY TAXES WERE NOT PAID BY****THE EARLY SETTLERS OF LOBO**

Interesting Paper Presented at Historical Society Meeting—Col. Talbot's Life.

As Professor Dearness, president of the London and Middlesex Historical Society, said at the regular meeting of that body last night, the society had a duty to perform in preserving the records of the pioneers of this district, and in gathering the history of the earlier days of the county and surrounding territory. That the society was doing this in a most interesting and profitable manner, he read from time to time. Two such papers were read last evening, papers that were not only of historical value, but of interest to the general reader.

One of these was a paper read by Mr. Henry Macdon on the tax roll of the township of Lobo for the year 1825, which was introduced as follows: The original survey of the township of Lobo was commenced during the year 1819, and completed by 1821. The work was done chiefly by Col. Burroughs, most of them being Scotch, and these principally, though not exclusively, from Argyle. The same men, who were engaged in carrying out the British soldiers, as a rule, went before the British consul at New York, received his endorsement, and were then sent to Canada. A copy of the tax roll of 1825 was then given, it being one secured by Mr. D. J. Campbell, of the township of Lobo, a descendant of the first settlers, now resident in Toronto. It is shown from this roll that there were 49 ratepayers, the property valued at \$2,655.88, on which taxes were to be collected to the amount of \$18 19s 2d. This being paid at \$4 to the treasury, the total tax bill was therefore \$55.94. The largest taxpayer was Captain Matthews, charged with £1 12s 5d, and the smallest was Joel Westbrook, who escaped with a bill of fourpence. The balance of the paper dealt with the various taxpayers and their names, showing from which part of Scotland they came and where they settled.

An able paper, carefully prepared and concisely written by Judge Hughes, of St. Thomas, was then read by Miss F. A. Mitchell, assistant secretary of the society. The subject of the paper was "Colonel Talbot, the Founder of the Talbot Settlement." It first drew attention to the state of the western part of Ontario at the beginning of the nineteenth century, and showed how Colonel Talbot rightly got his name as a pioneer of the west, being worth at that time little, while on the other hand Colonel Talbot was doing an admirable work in building up the settlement.

The paper then went on to show how Colonel Talbot imposed on settlers, drawing special attention to the oath of allegiance. "Colonel Talbot," claims Judge Hughes, "was not to be made a mere machine to give land to all comers, or to sell land at a low rate to the highest bidder. He wanted the settlement to be loyal and true to the Government." In consequence of that stand Colonel Talbot made himself unpopular among certain classes, and as a result, the essayist claims, he was much slandered. These slanders are dealt with at some length and related. Peculiarities in the colonel's temperament are admitted, but many of the things attributed to him are denied, and on the other hand he is praised by the judge as a man of high birth who had made a great sacrifice in coming to Canada, and as a man of fifty years and well managed the settlement and had shown active sympathy to all in need. Acts of violence directed against the colonel made him see that he had not imported into his settlement all that class of people desired, though this did not reflect upon a large body of the Talbot settlers, the fact being quite the reverse. "For a more orderly, industrious and well-conducted set of people never entered Canada than those of this settlement." Much of the misunderstanding that existed between the colonel and his settlers was due to the colonel's failure to associate with the people around him, he seldom leaving his home in his later years. The character of the settlers, however, he eulogized, the paper from first to last being most interesting and full of valuable contributions to the historical literature of the county.

The meeting was attended by the usual number of members. Miss McLaughlin favored with a vocal solo, and some business was transacted. It was decided to have a lecture on the history of the Ontario Government, would include London and Middlesex Historical Society in their supplementary grants this year.

**THE McPHILLIPS SALE.**

The sale of the residential property and household effects of the late Patrick McPhillips will be conducted by Mr. J. W. Jones at 333 King street on Thursday, April 21, at 11 a.m. This sale will be an interesting one and should attract large numbers of buyers.

Wages in Russian factories are 2 cents an hour and upwards. There are thousands who work for a cent an hour and tens of thousands who do not receive 20 cents a day for 10, 11 and more hours' work.

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