# SAD FATALITY AT WELLAND CANAL

## Three Children Drowned and Gates Carried Away.

## Government Vessel Lying at Bottom of Canal.

## Children's Bodies Not Found —Take Up Subscription.

A Thorold despatch: With scarcely a chance for their lives, Willie Jacke, Willie Wallace and Leonard Bretheriek, all aged five years, were swept to their deaths in the waters of Welland Canal this afternoon, when the Canadian Government steamer La Canadienne tore out both the head and the foot gates of Lock 22. The steamer, which was fitted out for survey work on Lake Superior, now lies at the bottom, filled with water up to the level of the canal, the result of a large hole in her hull, sustained when she was carried backward over the lock and lodged on the rockbound wall and floor of the canal.

The banks of the canal were badly washed away, and the enormous flow of water continuing down as far as Lock 18, caused much damage to the surrounding country, and to whatever crops were in their path. The Grand Trunk tunnel under the canal was flooded, and traffic through it completely shut off. Traffic will not be suspended, however, as the Grand Trunk has a large double-track bridge over the canal, and the drawbacks of former years will thus be avoided. Neither will navigation be seriously interrupted. The superintending engineer, W. H. Sullivan, had his repair force at work within half an hour after the accident, but no effective progress can be made until early morning, when the pontoon will arrive from Port Dalhousie with four new gates.

There are only a few vessels in the canal, most of them having been well away from the scene when the accident occurred.

The three little fellows drowned, with two companions, David Bouck and George Bretherick, were playing on the bank of the canal as the vessel steamed into the lock. When the accident occurred, they were unconscious of their danger, and had scarcely time to see the water coming before they were swept over the embankment to the weir fifteen feet below. Hugh C. Maguire, who was at work surveying the route of the new Welland Ship Canal, was not far away. He saw the danger of the boys, and rushed to their assistance, managing to save the elder Bretherick and Bouck, who ran to the house at Lock 21 and gained shelter there.

The little fellows drowned were the sons of English parents, residing just outside the limits of the town of Thorold, and not far from the scene of the accident. Many men set to work at once to grapple for their bodies, but up till a late hour to-night their efforts had been fruitless. The waste weir is quite wide and fairly deep, and the work has been tedious, but will no doubt result in locating the bodies before daybreak, as it is thought they could not have gone over the flume into the level of Lock 21.

In the event of the children's bodies not being found by grappling, it is the tention to empty the weir of water tomorrow morning, when the new gates arrive and have been placed in position. The bodies will then, no doubt, be seen lying on the bottom. The town of Thorold is practically in mourning as a result of the fatality. This evening a subscription list was started on the canal bank for the benefit of the parents of the dead boys, and the sum of $150 was collected in a few minutes. Rev. Father Sullivan and Rev. Mr. Kelly, with Chief of Police McDonald, acting as treasurers.

The damage, when totalled, will be unusually heavy. The responsibility for the mishap must be placed when an inquest is held on the bodies of the boys.

The steamer was well in the lock when the accident happened. She does not, however, appear to have been properly tied, as she forged too far ahead, and though she hardly more than touched the head gates, the shock was sufficient to throw them from their sills and to permit the water from the lock above to rush through the opening, and in an instant gates and steamer were hurled back into the level below. The rear gates were partly closed, but they were torn off by the force of water and the steamer striking them. The bottom of the canal is stony, and the banks are lined with sharp stones, so that the steamer fared very badly when she struck. Water at once poured in, and the supplies, which were quite extensive, were badly damaged. The crew had to scamper for their lives to the shore.

When seen to-night Engineer Sullivan could not say what the damage to the canal will be, but intimated that it would be quite heavy.

Captain Alexander Brown, of Owen Sound, in command of La Canadienne, was emphatic this evening in declaring that the lock tenders should be exonerated of all responsibility for the accident. He declared that the collision with the gates was due to faulty tying of the cable by one of his crew, who should have fastened the steamer securely.

The steamer will be raised and removed to Port Colobrne for repairs as soon as possible, and it is hoped that this can be done to-morrow, as it is likely navigation can be resumed as soon as the new gates arrive and are put in position. Only three vessels are waiting to-night in the canal. The Midland Queen is down-bound about the break, and the Porter and the yacht Ezra Cornell are at Port Dalhousie, upbound.

# INTERSWITCHING

## Joint Railway Boards Give Decision at Galt.

Galt, Ont., despatch: A joint meeting of the Board of Railway Commissioners for Canada and the Ontario Railway and Municipal Board was held here this afternoon to consider the applications of the oBards of Trade of Galt, Preston, Hespeler, Berlin and Waterloo for an order directing the Grand Trunk Railway, the Galt, Preston and Hespeler Street Railway, and the Preston and Berlin Railway to connect their lines by interswitching tracks in the places mentioned.

After hearing evidence in support of the claim of the Galt Board of Trade, the joint commission ordered that an interchange track between the G., P. and H. and Grand Trunk be constructed, at a location to be mutually agreed upon, within ten days; and if the location could not be agreed upon, that the engineer of the Dominion Railway Board make the selection; the question of distribution of cost to be decided at a later date. The commission reserved their decision as to what rates should be charged for interswitching.

The same decision was arrived at in regard to Preston, Berlin, Waterloo and Hespeler, Commissioners McLean and Ingram dissenting in the two last instances.

# NEW BRUNSWICK

## Tory Government Returned by a Large Majority.

## Two Liberals and Two Independents Elected.

St. John, N. B., despatch: The Provincial elections to-day resulted in practically a clean sweep for the Government, only two Opposition men, Dugal and Pelletier, in Malawaska, being elected. In Northumberland, where three Independent Conservatives ran on the Government ticket, two of them were elected. In St. John City, York and Sunbury counties the Opposition candidates lost their deposits. Mr. A. B. Copp, the Opposition leader, was badly defeated in Westmoreland. Premier Flemming headed the poll in Carleton.

The result of to-day's voting gives:
Government, 40 seats.
Independents, 2.
Opposition, 2.

The Opposition had twelve seats at dissolution.

The Gloucester polling takes place Monday.

Complete details have not been received, but the majorities given are about as near as can be figured out now. The majorities are those of the top Government man over the top Opposition candidates:

Albert—Prescott and Dickson, Government, elected.

Carleton—Flemming, Munroe, White, Government, 600 majority.

Charlotte—Grimmer, Clarke, Taylor, Guptill, Government, 900 majority.

Kent—Laundry, Bourque, Sheridan, Government, 500 majority.

King's—Murray, Jones, Dickson, Government, 700 majority.

Madawaska—Pelletier and Dugal, Opposition, 600 majority.

Northumberland—Allain, Government, 2,875; Hon. John Morrisey, Government, 2,354; Stewart, Independent Conservative, 2,068; Swim, Independent Conservative, 2,017.

Moncton City—Price, Government, 300 majority.

Queen's County—Woods and Slipp, Government, elected, 425 majority.

Restigouchie—Howart and Culligan, Government, 400 majority.

St. John City—Wilson, Tilley, Lockhart and Grannan, Government, elected by 2,000 majority.

St. John County—Baxter and Carson, Government, elected, 500 majority.

Sunbury—Glazier and Pedley, Government, 300 majority.

Victoria—Wite and Carter, Government, about 100 majority.

Westmoreland — Black, Humphrey, Melanson, Mahoney, Government, 500 majority.

York—McLeod, Pender, Young, Moorehouse, Government, 2,000 majority.

# SILVER OUTPUT

## Large Increase for First Quarter of 1912.

The silver production of Ontario still continues to grow. For the first three months of the current year the mines of the Province produced 7,439,044 ounces, aggregating a value of $4,092,405. This is an increase in value over the same period of 1911 of $383,861. Cobalt proper was responsible for 7,006,842 ounces; South Lorraine, 285,042 ounces and Gowganda, 147,103 ounces.

There was a decrease in the gold production of $13,274. This is explained by the Porcupine fire of last year. In the early part of 1911 experimental work was being carried on in the Porcupine camp, and the Dome and Hollinger camps were in operation. After the fire, which destroyed both plants, the new installation was not in operation during the first quarter of this year. Consequently Porcupine's contribution to the gold output was small.

Nickel increased by 598 tons, or $124,710 in value; copper by 416 tons, or $57,559 in value.

In the coarser metals pig iron increased by 1,370 tons, but there were no shipments of iron ore during the period.

Cobalt and nickel oxides, crude cobalt material, etc., amounted to $100,365.

# NEWS OF THE DAY IN BRIEF

## Fire Destroys the Village of Edanfort.

## Berlin's Whirlwind Campaign for the Y. M. C. A.

## Russia Agrees With Powers Re Chinese Loan.

Right Hon. R. L. Borden, premier of Canada, has been elected a member of the Royal Colonial Institute.

Principal Falconer, of Toronto University, is to receive the honorary degree of LL.D. from Glasgow University.

It has been announced that a contract for the proposed double-tracking of the C. P. R. between Sudbury and Port Arthur had been awarded to Deaks & Hinds of the Toronto Construction Company.

Mr. W. L. Dinnick's application for a mandamus to compel the Toronto City Architect to issue a permit for the erection of an apartment house in the residential district at the corner of St. Clair avenue and Avenue Road has been dismissed by the Divisional Court.

So far as the Police Court proceedings are concerned the Beattie Nesbitt case is over, and the doughty doctor goes up for trial at the next Assizes. Formal committal was made by Magistrate Denison and bail was renewed in two securities of $15,000 each.

License reduction as voted upon by the Kingston ratepayers last January has been decided to be valid by the Divisional Court upholding Mr. Justice Teetzel's refusal to grant a motion by W. B. Dungan to quash the by-law.

Mr. H. P. Dwight, President of the Great North-Western Telegraph Company, has been quite ill for some days past. His condition was somewhat improved yesterday, but it will be some days before he is able to be about again.

The closing scene in the tragic honeymoon of Mr. T. A. Snider, the catsup magnate of America, and an old Toronto boy, in which he and his bride, Mrs. Crissie Jones Stanton, were killed when their automobile was struck by a train near Erie, Pa., took place yesterday afternoon, when their remains were laid at rest together in Mount Pleasant Cemetery, Toronto.

A whirlwind campaign to erect a new Y. W. C. A. building will be carried on from July 2 to July 10 at Berlin. It is proposed to raise $30,000 from the business men and organizations of the city, and to this end teams will be organized by the business men, young men and young women.

Darius Noxel, a well driller, who had completed a well in the Sixth Ward, Welland, and was taking down the derrick, was struck by one of the timbers and had his back broken. He was moved to Welland Hospital, but, as he is paralyzed from the waist down, the doctors state it will be impossible for him to recover. He is unmarried and resides in Humberstone Township.

The reorganization of China has been made possible by the complete understanding by the bankers representing the six great powers—Great Britain, the United States, Germany, France, Russia and Japan—to loan China $300,000,000. Russia joined the five other powers in acquiescing in the agreement, but stipulated a slight change in the original formula. This was quickly accepted by all the powers, including the United States.

A severe electric storm, mixed with hailstones, an unusual atmospheric condition at this time of the year, swept over Toronto about two o'clock yesterday afternoon. Parkdale and Etobicoke seemed to be storm centers. It was fine all morning, but the early afternoon brought a gale from the north and a violent thunderstorm. There were two heavy downpours, the second bringing with it the hailstones, some of which were quite large.

A fire, which originated from a gasoline explosion, almost totally wiped out the year-old village of Edanfort, north of Toronto, on the Jackfish branch of the Canadian Northern. The following business places were burned: Arizona Hotel, Lindgrin's Hall, poolroom and bakeshop, Steeve's general store, Galvin-Walston Lumber Co., Naden's general store, post office, two poolrooms, three livery barns, Pioneer Lumber Co., and many others. The estimated loss is $250,000.

# G. T. STEAMERS

## Line on the Pacific Ocean When Road is Finished.

Montreal, June 24.—Mr. E. J. Chamberlin, President of the Grand Trunk and Grand Trunk Pacific, announced today that a line of steamships would be placed on the Pacific as soon as the road was completed through to the coast.

Mr. Chamberlin is optimistic over the prospects of the line. "Shipmasters assure me," he said, "that by sailing from Prince Rupert about two days will be saved in the voyage to the Orient."

Mr. Chamberlin is leaving Montreal on Sunday for a tour of the Grand Trunk system, going via Chicago to Winnipeg, and thence to the end of the track in the Rockies. He states that he believes that it will be possible to run trains from Montreal to Prince Rupert by the end of next year.

# WANTED--A WIFE

## "YoungEnglishman"Makes Appeal for Life Partner.

London, June 24.—Young Englishman, aged 30, would be glad to hear from a loving and affectionate woman with a view to matrimony; send photo and all particulars, which will be exchanged; strict confidence. Address box 10, Free Press.

This more or less pathetic appeal in the advertising colmuns is one of several from various sources which have been given publicity recently.

The story that goes with this particular advertisement has touching features of its own. The writer, a young Englishman, now in Stratford, came out to this country "to try his luck."

"My fiancee promised me when I left her in the old country that she would join me here, when I was settled," he said, "but since then she has fallen in love with somebody else, whom she likes better, and cannot come. So you see I have got 'the chuck.' All here are strangers to me, so I have not the slightest chance of meeting and being introduced to a suitable woman, only by advertising."

The lonely one adds, "A lady with SOME dollars would be an advantage."

# GENERAL BOOTH

## Sends Special Message to His Dear Comrades.

## In Light or Darkness He Trusts in God.

(By Cable.)

My Dear Comrades,—If the unexpected blow regarding the loss of my eyesight has not actually fallen, as the newspapers have stated, it is hovering dangerously near. Instead of the restoration of sight, for which I had hoped, and for which I know you have so earnestly prayed, the doctors tell me I am on the very eve of entire darkness.

In a few brief hours my comrades may be under the painful compulsion of announcing that the General is hopelessly blind. In that event, what an indescribably painful loss will be mine, never again to see the light of day, or behold the countenances of my friends, or look into the sympathetic eyes of my comrades; never again to witness that which for over sixty years has been to me the sight of sights—men and women kneeling at the Mercy Seat.

Then, too, I have lost the hope of being able with any facility to write, while it will be an absolute impossibility to read.

Pile up all my losses, they are many and serious, I admit; but look at the mercies left me!

First, there is my confidence in God. I am not going to allow the existence of a few things which are in conflict with my judgment to interfere with my confidence in His wisdom—confidence that is inspired by a life-long knowledge of His loving care.

Then, I have not lost the assurance of my own happy relations with my Heavenly Father. I have not lost the confidence and love in my own dear people. I have not lost the inestimable blessing of life.

I want the continued loyalty of my own people, and the heartier co-operation of all men and women whose hearts are fired with the same purpose as my own.

In a few weeks' time I hope to be found once more on the battlefield.

Anyway, my dear comrades, in the light or in the dark, you may count upon your General to trust in God and go forward!

William Booth.

# MUTES MEET

## Deaf and Dumb From All Parts of Ontario.

A Belleville despatch: The nineteenth annual convention of the Ontario Mutes' Association was brought to a close here yesterday after pleasant and profitable sessions. Many addresses were given by prominent speakers, and addresses of welcome were given by Dr. Coughlin, Principal of the Deaf and Dumb Institution here, where the convention was held, by Mayor Vermilyea, Mr. Elliot, President of the Board of Trade, and Mr. O'Flynn, on behalf of the Canadian Club. The officers elected were: Hon. Patron, R. Matheson, M. A.; Hon. Pres., C. B. Coughlin, M. D.; President, John T. Shilton; 1st Vice-President, Alfred Grey; 2nd Vice-President, A. Cowan; Secretary, Wm. Nurse; Treasurer, G. W. Reeves.

President E. Shilton brought up the question of securing a home for the aged, infirm and friendless deaf, advancing many reasons why such a home should be established. Canada as well as the United States could afford to have at least one institution. Mr. Geo. Reeves said $500 had already been promised in support of the scheme. A resolution in favor of the project carried almost unanimously. The next place of meeting is London, Ont.

## STREET ACCIDENTS.

London, June 24.—The fatal accident to Rev. Elmore Weld in Cockspur street a few days ago, has drawn attention to the ever increasing number of accidents caused by mechanically propelled vehicles. In the streets of London last year there were 410 killed and 14,251 injured. Certain places have become veritable death traps, especially for the old and infirm. Some of the local authorities have provided subways at busy crossings, but it is curious how unwilling pedestrians are to make use of them.

# RUSSIA FOOLS GREAT POWERS

## Offers to Advance China the Money She Needs

## And Thus Strengthen Her Hold on Mongolia.

## Outwitted Japan--Why Chinese Premier Fled.

New York, June 24.—A cable to the Tribune from London says:

The Paris conference, discussing the proposed $300,000,000 loan to China, broke up yesterday with the six powers concerned—Great Britain, the United States, France, Germany, Russia and Japan—facing a most serious situation.

Russia, which seemed a week ago to be in an almost impossible strategic position, is now apparently holding the whip hand.

It is learned that Russia, owing to the refusal of the powers to grant her a privileged position in Mongolia and Northern Manchuria, has, on her own account, offered an immediate advance to China of $50,000,000, with the promise that she will provide the remainder of the $300,000,000 from time to time, as is needed to finance the new republic.

Arthur Grenfeld, head of the London banking house of Grenfeld, Morgan & Co., and Henry P. Davidson, of J. P. Morgan & Co., of New Yoork, are hurrying back to London, while Great Britain, the United States, France, Germany and Japan are keeping hot the cables to Peking, striving to head off this latest move by Russia to become the sole support of China in her desperate financial plight, and thus make Russia all powerful in the new Mongolian Republic, to the exclusion of the remainder of the western world.

The situation which has thus developed in Paris yesterday offers the required explanation of the flight of Premier Tang Shao Yi from Peking, and also explains the presidential mandate issued on Tuesday, granting five days' sick leave to the Premier. It is but further evidence of the deviousness of Russian diplomatic methods and of the small degree of confidence to be placed in her statements.

Japan especially must feel chagrined at the latest turn of the loan negotiations, for the wily Jap, who has been the aider and abettor of Russia in her demands for special privileges in China, now finds himself in a position in which he stands a strong chance of losing much of the power and control in Southern Manchuria, which he fought a long and costly war to gain.

Russia has played a clever trick on all the powers, but if she accomplishes her end the effect will be more severe on Japan, her ally of a week ago, than upon any of the others.

# CHEAP RUBBER.

## Britain Beats Germany in Important Discovery.

London, June 24.—Sir William Ramsay, in this Morning's Post, discussing the announcement of Professor William H. Perkin that he and a group of other chemists have discovered a process whereby synthetic rubber may be placed on the market at 24 cents a pound, says:

"The problem of how to prepare synthetic rubber is one which a group of us have been working for two years and a half. Professor Fernbach has succeeded in finding a bacterium that transforms starch into one-third part acetone and two thirds butyl alcohol. This discovery is of the first importance, as the cost of aceton is $450 a ton and that of butyl alcohol $650 a ton.

"Moreover, acetone is essential to the manufacture of smokeless powder, which at present is derived from Germany.

"The greatest advantage of the discovery is that starch cannot be cornered.

"There was a race between the English and the German chemists, but we won by three months.

"I am confident that synthetic rubber will eventually oust natural rubber, but it will be a long time before it can have this effect."

Professor Perkin said last night: "Synthetic rubber can be produced at 24 cents a pound. It is obvious that this can compete with natural rubber at 62 cents a pound, but it may be as well to say that there is so great a demand for rubber that it will be a considerable time before the mineral product is affected."

The Morning Post's financial editor says the attitude of brokers toward the announcement is one of respectful attention with an inclination toward scepticism.

The Times says: "From a commercial viewpoint much more information is needed before the price of manufacture of synthetic rubber can be definitely stated."

# NO NUMBERS

## Some Grand Trunk Pacific New Appointments.

Montreal, June 24.—President Chamberlin, of the Grand Trunk Pacific Railway, has issued the following circular: The practice of designating the several vice-presidents of this company by numbers will be discontinued. The following appointments are hereby made, to take effect June 17: Wm. Wainwright, vice-president; M. M. Reynolds, vice-president in charge of financial and accounting departments; M. Donaldson, vice-president and general manager; lines west of Fort William in charge of construction, transportation and maintenance departments; J. E. Dalrymple, vice-president in charge of traffic.

# BIG FIGURES

## Trade of Dominion Shows Great Increase.

Ottawa, June 24.—At the rate of increase in the trade of Canada maintained since the beginning of the present fiscal year, the total trade of the Dominion for the full year will considerably pass the billion-dollar mark. For April the imports increased by over $13,000,000 and exports by nearly $3,000,000. The complete figures for May are not yet available, but the increase for that month and for the present month to date has been about the same in proportion. This means an increase of approximately $200,000,000 for the twelve months.

The total trade of the Dominion for the last fiscal year was a little over $862,000,000. The current year promises to pass the billion-dollar mark by at least $50,000,000.

As another indication of prosperity and the rapid development of the country the Finance Department reports an increase in revenue for the first two months of the fiscal year totalling a little over $5,000,000.

# GOOD TEMPLARS

## Would Abolish the Bar and Treating as Well.

## Election of Officers—Annual Reports Presented

A St. Catharines despatch: The fifty-ninth annual meeting of the Grand Lodge of Good Templars of Ontario concluded in the Knights of St. John of Malta Hall, Queen street, to-day. There are thirty-six lodges in the province, with a total membership of 1,382, most of them represented.

Grand Chief Templar Fred S. Morison, of Hamilton, reported a small increase in membership, the first in eight years; the institution of lodges in St. Thomas and London, visits to Toronto, St. Catharines and Hamilton, and referred to the fact that the Premier of Ontario and the leader of the Opposition both appear willing to do anything in their power to advance the cause of temperance.

Grand Secretary G. Locke McCrae called attention to the meeting of the National Grand Lodge of Canada at Moncton, N. B., on July 10, the Grand Lodge of Ontario being entitled to one delegate for every 200 members. He suggested committees to take action for the better support of the National Templar and the advisability of holding the sessions of Grand Lodge later in the year. He referred to the death of four prominent members during the year; gave a resume of the reports of district lodges, and of lodges not working under district system, saying most of the serious losses were among lodges practically out of existence just after last Grand Lodge session.

New lodges instituted during the year were: The Welcome, St. Thomas; Skogs Blomman, at Ostersund, and Forest City, London; and Lifeboat Toronto, was resuscitated. The financial statement of Grand Treasurer A. H. Lyle, Hamilton, shows receipts amounting to $703.52, and disbursements of $626, leaving a balance of $77.52, with $95.55 worth of saleable supplies on hand.

A resolution was passed and unanimously approved of concurring with the attitude of the leader of the Opposition re abolition of bar-rooms, and also that of the Provincial Premier in his stand on the anti-treating question. At the afternoon session Rev. Ben Spence, of Toronto, gave a rousing address on drink consumption in this country. Ottawa was chosen as next place of meeting, when the Grand Lodge will celebrate its diamond jubilee.

The following officers were elected and were installed by A. R. Scobie, D. I. T., Toronto: Past Grand Chief Templar, F. S. Morison, Hamilton; Grand Chief Templar, J. T. Dyson, Toronto; Grand Counsellor, M. Brown, Toronto; Grand Vice-Templar, Miss M. Affleck, Glasgow; Grand Superintendent of Juvenile Work, F. W. Robinson, Toronto; Grand Secretary, A. H. Lyle, Hamilton; Grand Assistant Secretary, Tom MacNaughton, Hamilton; Grand Treasurer, John Eagleson, Ottawa; Grand Chaplain, Mrs. Pearson, Toronto; Grand Marshal, Peter McDonald, Douglas; Grand Deputy Marshal, Miss M. Kennedy, St. Catharines; Grand Guard, Miss Mae Vergen, Bromley; Grand Sentinel, W. D. Heggie, Toronto; Grand Messenger, H. French, Muncey. At the session for conferring Grand Lodge degrees sixteen candidates received initiation.

# LOSE MONEY

## N. Y. Pawnbrokers and the Policemens' Uniforms.

New York, June 24.—The pawnbroker does not always get the best of it. An investigating committee here has just found out that 200 pawnbrokers in New York City have on hand several thousand summer uniforms, on which they allowed the policemen from $10 to $20 apiece.

The pawnbrokers say they have been accustomed to take up these police uniforms in the fall, saving the police the bother of stowing them away in moth balls. They generally allowed the bluecoats liberal sums in the belief that the pawn tickets would be promptly redeemed in the spring. Now it develops that a new type of uniform has been adopted, and none of the policemen are going back for their old suits, with the result that pawnbrokers are selling out at $4 apiece uniforms on which they allowed from three to five times that amount.