

Two London Firemen Killed In \$100,000 Flour Mill Blaze

Two Others Leap 90 Feet Into Life Net — Deputy Chief, Lieutenant Caught in Smoke Pall, Injured Total Six — Three Killed When Car Hits Bus Head-on

London, Ont., March 4.—A calamitous week-end in London brought instant death to four in violent accidents while a fifth death in Victoria Hospital to-night.

Stanley Scruby, deputy chief of the fire department, and Lieut. Arthur Hartop, veterans of the service, died trapped behind steel sash on the sixth floor of the Hunt Flour Mills, Nightingale Avenue, for the second time within recent years burned with a loss estimated by Chief Charles Scott at \$100,000.

Two others of Scruby's command, Fireman Wight and Reg. Walters, almost overcome by dense palls of smoke and stifling gases, dragged themselves through the high-tilting section of one of the top floor windows, and with the last ounce of their strength stepped out for a 90-foot plunge to a life net that froze the blood in the veins of spectators. These men and four others went to Victoria Hospital with injuries more or less severe but all, according to to-night's report, will recover.

Other Victims

The other victims of the conflagration which raged from nightfall till after midnight Saturday are: Harry West, both wrists sprained in holding the life-net; Patrick Kirk, some inhalation; not dangerous; Alfred Leeson, back sprained in fall from sixth to fifth floor; William Griffith, collapsed Sunday afternoon while visiting his sick wife in Victoria Hospital. All are under treatment in Victoria Hospital. Assistant Chief Frank Taylor and Fireman George Geddes sustained knee cap injuries.

The triple fatality came before dawn this morning when a light coupe

driven through dense fog into a head-on collision with a westbound Buffalo-Detroit bus brought death to Clarence Henderson, of 304 Cameron Avenue, Windsor, formerly of St. Thomas, and his wife formerly Josephine Henke of the Border Cities. Henderson's cousin, George Locke, also a former St. Thomas man, latterly living in Pontiac and Detroit, was brought to Victoria Hospital with a fractured skull and died to-night.

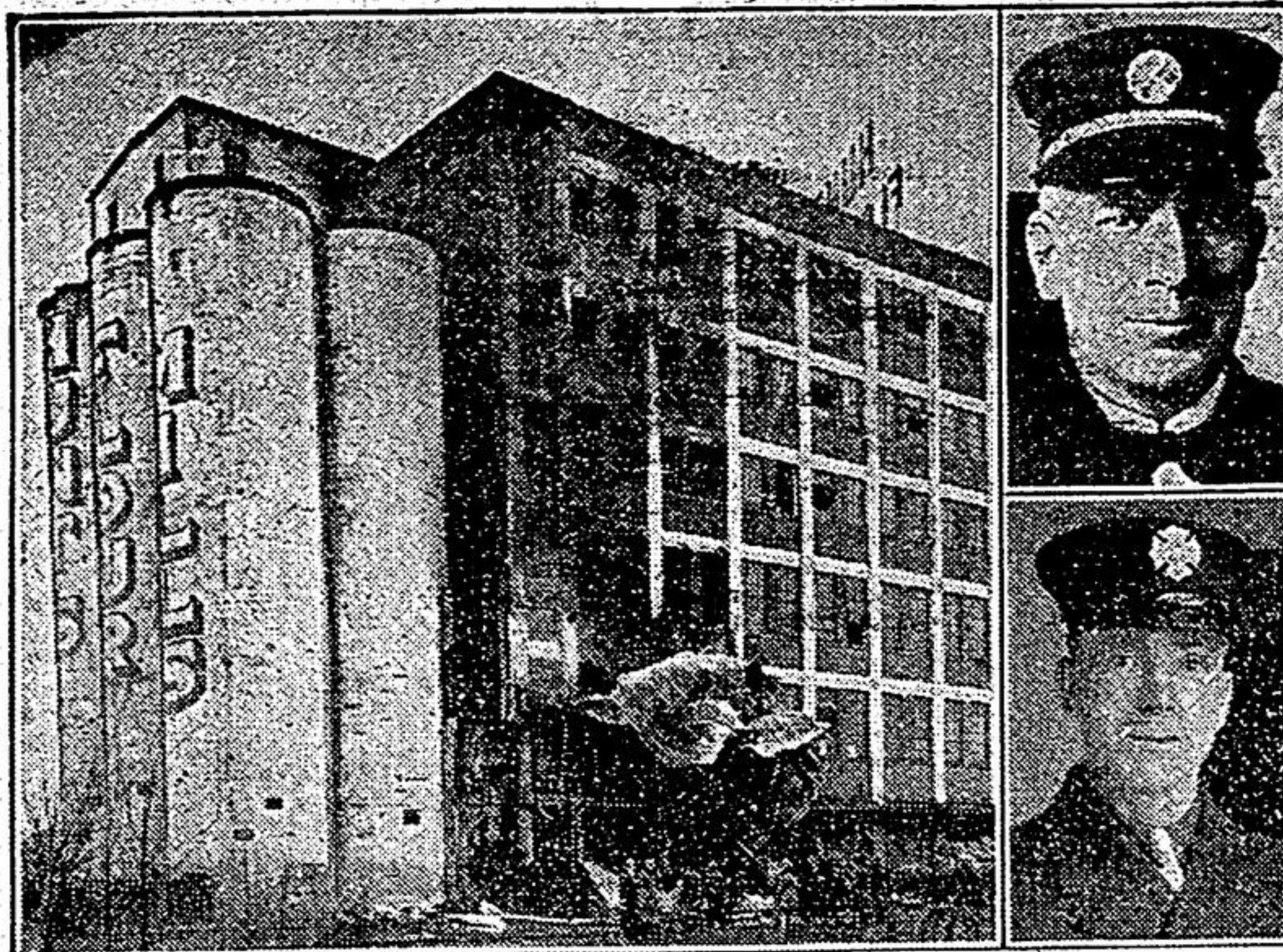
Traffic Officer George Law of Melbourne locked up the bus driver, Clarence Robinson, of Windsor, on a charge of causing grievous bodily harm and to-night lawyers were seeking to raise bail for his release.

Inquest Ordered

Arrangements were completed to-night for the burial of Deputy Chief Scruby Tuesday afternoon, from Logan's Funeral Home, and of Lieut. Hartop Wednesday afternoon from Evans' Burial Home. Both will be buried in Mount Pleasant Cemetery and will be accorded civic honors and the honors of their own service and the police department.

To-night Dr. J. Cameron Wilson, attorney in conference with Crown Attorney A. M. Judd, ordered an inquest on Scruby to open at noon to-morrow. Alderman Frank Gray, chairman of the council's committee in charge of fire department affairs, is also anxious for a probe to ascertain if there were conditions unfavorable to the safety of the victims.

"Where are the fire escapes?" Alderman Gray asked as he viewed the ruins and bare walls and the windows today. "No fireman should be allowed to enter a mill fire such as that again in London," he said.



Two London, Ont., firemen lost their lives in a fire that swept through Hunt's flour mill in this city Saturday night. They were Deputy Chief Stanley Scruby (right, above) and Lieut. Arthur Hartop (below). On the left is the mill where the fire occurred. —Courtesy of Mail and Empire.

Blizzard Hits Reindeer Herd

Crossing of Mackenzie River Abandoned for Winter — Try Again in Fall

Ottawa, March 4.—Blizzards sweeping out of the Arctic wastes will delay several months the final dash of Canada's Alaskan reindeer herd to the permanent grazing grounds on the east side of the Mackenzie River delta. Fragmentary details of a wild stampede among the herd reached here today, together with the decision of the drovers not to attempt the crossing of the river this winter.

Messages received here today show that Andrew Bahr, who has been in charge of the herd since it started the long trek from Alaska, reached the Mackenzie River late in January. The herd was given a long rest before the most difficult part of the journey — 70 miles across the wind-swept ice of the river. In the meantime, officers of the Interior Department worked at Kittigazuit, arranging the 15,000 square mile grazing ground where the herd will be quartered.

It was Bahr's intention to drive his herd across the river without stopping because of the absence of winter feeding grounds among the islands. After resting the deer several days, he pushed off, only to run into wild blizzards that swept the ice clear of snow, making travel impossible.

Two days of detours, storms and incessant toil were climaxed by a wild stampede among the reindeer. They started back toward the western shore, along their own trail. Bahr and his assistants went after them, gathering up the strays and the weavings that would have succumbed to the gales and driven snow. Finally the herd was rounded up at Shingle Point, the grazing area where last summer was passed.

Bahr reported to Interior Department officials that he would not attempt the river crossing again this winter. He will wait until the delta freezes next fall and, in the meantime, select a less hazardous route across the ice.

Fruit Act Revision Up This Week

Ottawa, March 4.—Complete revision of the Fruit Act in existence for 33 years, will be provided in a bill to be introduced in the House of Commons this week. The changes will take care of requests endorsed by the fruit industry.

To protect the consumer, the responsibility for grades and the quality of fruit will be spread out from the time it is packed until it is retailed. Any fruit misrepresented as to quality, grade or variety may be placed in detention and withdrawn from sale until properly identified or regraded.

West Elgin Revives Crossing Gate Issue

St. Thomas, March 4.—Public sentiment is aroused in West Elgin at the failure of the Dominion Railway Board to reopen the question of removal of crossing gates at Rodney, West Lorne and Dutton. The board approved of the institution of wig-wag signals for the existing gates last fall. But since that time four young persons lost their lives in a crossing accident at Rodney. Application has since been made to have the question opened up again. The removal of the gates was under way Friday and Saturday.

\$50 An Acre To Clear Land

Ottawa.—The estimated cost of clearing land around Lac Seul, Ont., in order to raise the water storage capacity of the lake, was \$50 an acre, Hon. Peter Heenan was informed in a return tabled in the House of Commons by Hon. C. H. Cahan, secretary of state. Up to the end of December 86 acres had been cleared and the cost including initial expenses \$387,633.

Vimy Ridge Memorial Should Be in Canada

Frances Loring Says French Do Not Seem to Want It Particularly

Miss Frances Loring thinks it a pity that Allard's Vimy Ridge Memorial, "which is still incomplete after many years of work, should not have been in Canada. The French do not seem to want it particularly," she said in an address on "Sculptural Development," in Toronto. She expressed the hope that some day Canada might have at least a replica of this great monument, which from a sculptural point of view is one of the world's greatest, although she was of the opinion that Walter Allard's masterpiece still remains in Brantford—the Bell Monument.

Miss Loring also emphasized the importance of using the proper medium of material in expressing sculptural subjects. Technique calling for stone should be confined to stone and bronze to bronze, she stressed, and, if the sculptor makes the mistake of using stone where metal or wood or bronze is called for, the result is likely to be out of harmony, if not grotesque.

Wolf-Chews Mitt Off

Sault Ste. Marie, Ont., March 4.—When Ed. Sancier, Nairn Centre resident, found a timber wolf in his snare, the animal chewed his mitt off. Sancier killed the wolf with an axe. He said the wolf made no effort to bite when he twisted its tail but when he petted it on the back the wolf grabbed his mitt.

Voice of the Press

CANADA

The Pendulum Swings

The depression is responsible for many practical object-lessons. It has shown the defects of over-centralization, of too intensive development of urban, at the expense of rural, life. The cities, huge as they are, have become overcrowded and the natural movement is away from them. But the process will no doubt begin all over again—the farm, the trek from the farm to the city, back to the farm again. Under present conditions the fields certainly look invitingly green to those who have found disillusionment between city walls. The divine injunction to till the soil and earn one's living "in the sweat of one's face" still holds good. There is no other recipe for economic stability, notwithstanding all the progress of the social and industrial sciences.—Hamilton Spectator.

In Bygone Days

A Toronto paper reproduces an 1835 picture of that place in which traffic on the main street is represented by a pair of oxen. It is a far more placid and soothing scene than can be conveyed by watching the present red and green corner lights.—Brantford Expositor.

"We Must Mildly Protest"

When error gets a start it persists. Several days ago there was an article on this page which said Almee Semple lived in Stratford as a bride, and that the building the upstairs of which was the home of her and her husband is still here. Since then we have seen that item in the Woodstock Sentinel-Review and The Ottawa Journal, and in each case the heading reads, "Almee Lived in St. Thomas," and the story is credited to the St. Thomas Times-Journal.

Our idea was to claim a little publicity for Stratford, and not without mild protest or a little struggle will we allow these other papers to take away from us whatever value there may be in the fact that Almee came to Stratford as a bride.

Since then she has had two other husbands, but according to belief and statistics the first was much better than those who followed in his wake.—Stratford Beacon-Herald.

Another Definition

When is a man drunk? That is an old question and there have been all sorts of tests from walking a chalk line to pronouncing difficult sentences. A sensible sort of test is suggested in the Virginia Legislature as follows: "Any person who has drunk enough alcoholic beverages to so affect his manner, disposition, speech, muscular movements, general appearance or behavior as to be apparent to observation, shall be deemed to be intoxicated."—Niagara Falls Review.

Dirty Markers

Automobile markers are carried not only as an indication that the registration fee has been paid but also as a ready means of identification. For this purpose it is essential that the figures shall be legible at all times. A car with dirty markers is in the same category as a man wearing a mask. Too frequently when a car has sped away from the scene of an accident or of a crime, it has been impossible for bystanders to secure its number. If those who purposely obscure their markers are to be detected, it is necessary that law-abiding motorists keep their own markers clean. And it is easier to do that than to get the car out of the average garage.—Toronto Telegram.

G. B. S. On Tour

George Bernard Shaw has sailed on a visit to New Zealand. If he finds that the Maoris have never heard of him he is liable to take the next boat back home.—Brantford Expositor.

What Is Needed

What is needed to-day is not new things, but true things. It is an old world, and a good world. There is enough of happiness and progress in the world, just for the bringing out. It is means hard work, not big talk. It is one of the old truths, the new truths, the everlasting truths, that there are no short-cuts to things worth while. Those who foolishly imagine that they have some new way to change the world, or the part of the world they adore, are simply selling themselves false thoughts by high-pressure hypnosis. The world continues to make progress to better things, not in new ways, or by loud mouthings, but quietly and surely through effort and thought and labor.—Timmins Advance.

Advice

It never pays to stick your tongue out except at the doctor's request. A young lady did so at London, Ont., and had it frozen on a steel railing.—St. Thomas Times-Journal.

Houses of the Future

When we get to the point where we consider the dwelling house as a machine to yield us the maximum comfort and convenience, we shall progress toward a new type of home which will be worthy of the age in which we live. Then the home will be a building designed from the inside, carefully planned to provide every comfort and convenience in the most efficient way; and it will be possible to have all of this at a lower cost than the old type of inefficient dwelling.—Edmonton Journal.

Canadian Finds Means to Turn Weed Into Forage

Aniline Solution Detects Bitter Sweet Clover — Sought By Many

Saskatoon.—Discovery of an aniline solution with which the bitter-tasting sweet clovers may be detected — sought by scientists of several nations — was announced at the University of Saskatchewan last week. The find was that of John S. Cleiton, distinguished student in science, who is working on his master's degree.

The study, undertaken at request of the federal forage crops laboratory, was under supervision of Dr. Ralph Larmour of the university's chemistry department.

Discovery of an inexpensive method to test sweet clover is considered an important step in the transition of this species from that of a useless weed to a high position as a forage plant.

The solution, already tested in the government laboratory, will enable agriculturists to produce strains that have not the bitter taste that marks others as unsuitable for fodder.

Untermyer, German scientist, has invented a method that proved slow and required much material. A similar result was obtained by Russian scientists. The Saskatchewan find is simple and inexpensive.

Wide-Awake Bear Announces Spring?

Amherst, N.S.—Spring is here. It must be, because Frank Elliott's tame bear woke up to-day from his long winter nap. He was hungry, and, after stretching and sniffing the mild breeze, he went out and chewed up a few willow and spruce boughs. He topped the lunch off with a dessert of bread and molasses, and then he lay down again. After snatching 40 winks he got up—and stayed up. And so Spring is here, though there are Nova Scotians who might tell you otherwise.

Blast Wrecks Home Thief Takes \$14

Woodstock, March 4.—A thief entered the wrecked home of Robert Hall here and stole \$12 from a table drawer and \$2 from a pair of pants. The house had been wrecked by a gas explosion early Saturday morning and Mrs. Hall was taken to hospital suffering from severe burns. Her mother, Mrs. John Pike, was injured also.

It was not until late yesterday that Hall learned where his wife had left the money. When he went to recover it he found the money missing.

Quebec Wives to be Allowed Their Own Savings Accounts

Amendment to Bank Act Gives Married Women Unlimited Right of Deposit and Withdrawal

Ottawa.—Quebec women will get a measure of relief from restrictive legislation peculiar to that province in the amendments to the bank act introduced in the House of Commons recently.

The law of Quebec provides that a married woman may not deposit or withdraw money from a bank without her husband's consent. The present Canada Bank Act provides that where such restrictive legislation is in force the deposits of married women must be limited to \$2,000.

The amendment now proposed will give the married women of Quebec unlimited right of deposit without the requirement of the husband's consent, so far as the chartered banks of Canada are concerned.

What Does Your Handwriting Show?

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The increased interest in Grapho-Analysis, the science of character delineation from handwriting, has brought in its train not only a host of converts, but the inevitable sceptic.

One of the most frequent objections is posed by those who ask "How can handwriting show one's character, when we are taught how to write from the same copybook in school?"

The answer to this objection only proves how strongly handwriting does show character. Because if you will study the writing of a single class of students who have learned writing from the same copybook, a few years afterwards, you will not find two who write alike.

Each one writes differently—a different slant, a different pressure, and differing conformations of letters. This shows that, as one grows, one's character changes or strengthens, and one's handwriting changes too.

And, whilst I am discussing objections, I would like to stress that it is not possible to tell a person's age or sex from handwriting. Here and there a trained grapho-analyst will be able to hazard a guess. There is no scientific foundation for it; however, and consequently no reputable grapho-analyst will attempt it.

I have seen women's writing that looked masculine, and, conversely, I have examined the writing of men that looked for all the world like that of a woman. Then again, some young people write a mature hand, and on the other hand, I have seen the writing of a man of 50 which seemed to be that of a youth in his teens. We can only get from handwriting what is in it.

There is increasing evidence that certain ailments can be discerned from handwriting. People suffering from heart trouble reflect this condition in their writing.

The Markets

United Farmers' Co-operative Co. Saturday, was paying the following prices for produce at Toronto:

Eggs—Prices to farmers on ungraded shipments, cases returned, fresh extras, 31c; fresh firsts, 29c; pullets, 25c; and seconds, 23c.

Butter—Ontario, creamery solids, No. 1, 29 to 29½c; No. 2, 28½ to 28½c.

Poultry, A grade, alive—Spring chickens, over 6 lbs., 11c; over 5 to 6 lbs., 10c; over 4 to 5 lbs., 9c; over 2 to 4 lbs., 8c. Broilers, over 1½ to 2 lbs., 10c. Fatted hens, over 5 lbs., 11c; over 4 to 5 lbs., 10c; over 3 to 4 lbs., 8c. Old roosters, over 5 lbs., 7c. White ducklings, over 5 lbs., 12c; do, 4 to 5 lbs., 11c. Guinea fowl, per pair, 75c.

Poultry, A grade, dressed—Spring chickens, over 6 lbs., 16c; over 5 to 6 lbs., 15c; over 4 to 5 lbs., 13c; over 2 to 4 lbs., 12c. Broilers, over 1½ to 2 lbs., 15c. Fatted hens, over 5 lbs., 13c; over 4 to 5 lbs., 12c; over 3 to 4 lbs., 10c. Old roosters, over 5 lbs., 10c. White ducklings, over 5 lbs., 14c; do, 4 to 5 lbs., 13c. Young turkeys, over 8 lbs., 17c.

Black and red feathered birds 2c less per lb. B grade poultry 2c lb. less than A. C. grade 2c lb. less than B.

WHOLESALE PROVISIONS.

Wholesale provision dealers are quoting the following prices to Toronto retail dealers:

Pork—Hams, 20½c; shoulders, 16½c; butts, 18c; pork loins, 20½c; picnic, 15½c.

Lard—Pure, tierces, 10½c; tubs, 11c; pails, 11½c; prints, 11½c.

Shortening—Tierces, 9½c; tubs, 10c; pails, 11c; prints, 10½c.

GRAIN QUOTATIONS.

Following are Saturday's closing quotations on Toronto grain transactions for car lots, prices on basis c.i.f. bay ports:

Manitoba wheat—No. 1 Northern, 72c.

Argentine corn, 82c, delivered Ontario points.

Ontario grain, approximate prices track shipping point: Wheat, 85 to 87c.

Following delivered basis Montreal freights:

Girl is Burned By Cold Water

Cause of Injuries from Public Faucet Remains Mystery — Theories Advanced

Ridgetown, March 4.—Verna Scafe, 16-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Wilbur Scafe of Ridgetown had her hand severely burned in cold water on Saturday when she attempted to wash them in the ladies' rest room, Main Street.

On her way to work, Miss Scafe fell on the ice, getting her hands dirty. She stopped at the rest room to wash them. There is only a cold water faucet. Miss Scafe, it is understood, turned on the water, with her right hand and put both hands in the water. Screaming with pain, she turned off the water and rushed to Dr. W. E. Lake, hysterical; the backs of her hands, as well as palms, badly burned.

The cause of the burn has remained a mystery. The theory was advanced that the burn was due to the fact that an electrical apparatus was being used to thaw out frozen water pipes in the immediate vicinity of the rest room. Local Hydro officials are puzzled at this theory since only 20 volts was being used by the apparatus, the ordinary voltage being cut down by a transformer. However, the use of the apparatus has been discontinued until a thorough investigation has been made. A second theory has been advanced that acid may have caused the burns, but the origin of the acid would also be a mystery. To assume that there was acid in the Ridgetown water would be ridiculous, stated John W. Campbell, superintendent of the Water Works Department. Dr. W. E. Lake who waited on the girl stated that there was no way to tell the type of the burn.

Peace River Outlet Agreed to in House

Ottawa.—The House of Commons was unanimous last week in passing a resolution that "the Peace River country should be connected by a direct railway outlet to the Pacific coast when circumstances permit." Hon. R. J. Manion, Minister of Railways, in accepting the resolution after he had added the words "when circumstances permit," held out the hope that this might not be a very distant date.

To Sail Greatest Fleet of Colliers

Will Carry Nova Scotia Coal Up St. Lawrence River

Glace Bay, N.S.—The greatest fleet of colliers ever sailed by the Dominion Steel and Coal Corporation will carry Nova Scotia coal up the St. Lawrence next summer.

Although official announcement has not yet been made, it is stated here that the corporation already has 22 ships under charter, including most of the 16 operated in 1933.

Increased demand that filled about 100 railway cars a day in January is expected to continue, and improvements and new equipment authorized for the Cape Breton collieries have led to the belief the miners will have steady work until late next fall.

Farm Product Prices Highest Since July

Washington.—The Bureau of Agricultural Economics reports that the index of farm product prices rose two points during the first week in February to reach the highest level since last July.

Prices farmers paid for commodities increase one point during the week due to higher prices for feed, food, clothing and building materials. In per cent of the 1910-1914 average, the index of prices of farm products on Feb. 7 was 73, compared with 70 in mid-January and 49 at the low point in February, 1933.

The general level of prices paid by farmers was 117.5 per cent of the pre-war average on Feb. 7, compared with 116.5 for the previous week and 101 in February, 1933.

The index of purchasing power of farm products at 62 was 13 points or 27 per cent higher than the 1933 low point in mid-February last year.

SPORTS REVIEW

St. Clair L. McCabe, Staff-Writer
Dominion Sports Illustrated

The New York Rangers were once considered the classiest professional hockey team in the world—but, before a crowd of 13,500 fans; this record was smashed, when the Toronto Maple Leafs defeated them with a 3-3 score the other night, in Toronto.

It was a terrific battle. In addition to the eleven shots that scored there were 63 others which failed to get past the goal tenders. Most were fruitless efforts, especially on the part of the Rangers, who had the bad habit of passing the puck once too often. Although some were almost certain goals, only to be stopped by the net minders.

Jack McGraw, one of the "Fathers of Baseball," has passed on into the great beyond. John was a veteran with Baltimore Orioles in the days when games were won with bats and fists instead of a good pitcher and a fine fielder. McGraw built the New York Giants into one of the most powerful machines in ball history. He was the man responsible for the "big money" in baseball. The am owes him a tremendous debt for lifting it into the highest place among our national games.

Percy "Punch" Bott, a youngster from the Montreal Ski Club, recently won the Canadian Ski Jumping Championship of 1934. Bott is 16 years old. He jumped 121 feet in his first descent of the chute and then soared through the air for 130 feet on his second try. Karl Badswick, the veteran from the Viking Ski Club, came second, while Stanley Dufresne, from Three Rivers came in third. The youngster must have been good.

Six-day bicycle racing has got quite a grip in Toronto, for in the latter part of April the riders will be back again in Toronto, in their ride to nowhere, with all the silly floors and silly fans.

Do you know that "Ike" Boone has been promoted to the position of manager of the Toronto Maple Leafs. Cong. B. Ike.

That "Ted" Reeces will give us the inside dope on the hockey situation in the U.S. in the April issue of the Dominion Sports Illustrated and fill its sister publications.