

## OCTOBER COURT FINES ARE \$3,000

Figure Is Below Corresponding Month of 1923—City's Share \$1,400.

### JAIL DISLIKED

Police court fines and convictions for October were considerably lower than for the corresponding month of last year or for the previous month of September.

Total fines amounted to \$3,000, most of which is made up of penalties imposed for breaches of the Ontario Temperance Act. One hundred and thirty-six convictions were registered, and unpaid fines amounted to \$335.

More than \$1,400 goes to the municipality as the city's share in the total amount of money collected in fines. The Ontario government receives \$1,200 and the federal government \$225, almost all of this amount being a fine imposed for a breach of the inland revenue act.

That jail is a comfortable place of abode is illustrated by the fact that unpaid fines only totalled \$335, a remarkably small amount for the previous months of this year.

The longest sentence imposed during the month was that given to Harry Radel, who pleaded guilty to five charges of theft. He was sentenced to serve three years in penitentiary. The next heaviest penalty was given to Sidney Ware, who was sentenced to serve from 6 to 18 months in jail and fined \$200 under the opium and narcotic drugs act.

Only two persons served a jail term, for driving a motor car while under the influence of liquor. Two other cases under this section of the O. T. A. were dismissed.

## VETERANS WILL PROBE GREEN'S O. T. A. WORDS

G.W.V.A. Executive to Discuss Minister's Statements Tonight.

At an executive meeting of the Great War Veterans' association which is to be held this evening statements made by Rev. Dr. Bowley Green in the course of a sermon last Sunday, which referred to "beer-soaked Englishmen" as opponents of the temperance league in the recent O. T. A. plebiscite, will be discussed.

Members of the G. W. V. A. and members of St. George's society in public letters to The Advertiser yesterday strongly protested against the statements made by Mr. Green which, it is claimed, were direct reflections on Englishmen.

Mr. Green, in conversation with The Advertiser today, stated that he had nothing further to say regarding his attitude. He stands by his remarks made last Sunday and accepts the open letters of the G. W. V. A. and Sons of St. George as being "all right."

He further stated that he had heard nothing about threats to the effect that a demonstration would take place at the Tabbot Street Baptist church on Sunday should he occupy the pulpit.

## BOARD MEMBERS DEMAND RIVER THAMES BE CLEANED

The November meeting of the board of health will likely be held next Tuesday evening, Monday being Thanksgiving Day. The board was to have met W. P. Near, city engineer, this week at a special meeting to discuss the sewage disposal problem. However, with the regular meeting so soon the special session has been dispensed with.

Mr. Near has made a careful study of London's problem, and during his recent visit to New England states looked over several sewage disposal plants in American cities. Some of the members of the board are demanding that the Thames river be cleaned, and complete discussion is looked for.

Dr. W. S. Downham, medical officer of health, is now working on his yearly report, and expects to have it ready on Tuesday's meeting.

## HOUSING COMMISSION AUDITS DISCUSSED

Housing commission audits of 1922 and 1923 were discussed yesterday afternoon at a meeting of city hall department heads. Mayor Wenige and Chairman Douglas of No. 1 committee. So far as could be learned today, the meeting was carried out by Benson and Hudson, who handled the city audits at that time.

## CHARGES MADE BY SETTELL IN CITY MEET WITH DENIAL

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to any authorization. Mayor Wenige stated that there was a tacit understanding on the part of the city council that the valuation by Sir Adam Beck was not to involve the city in any costs, and that the rendering of this bill is not in order. To the present time the city clerk has not been able to find anything in the minutes of the council to find authorization for the incurring of any expense by the city for this work.

**Advances to L. and P. S.**  
Regarding the charges of improper hydro payments to the London and Port Stanley railway, Philip Pocock, former L. and P. S. commissioner, and Adam Richards, manager, gave the Advertiser definite contradictions.

"Sir Adam Beck has been a good friend of mine and P. S. the public utilities commission and the city of London," Philip Pocock said. "We often needed supplies, which Sir Adam was glad to supply, and we were glad to have his advice and help."

Mr. Pocock declares that the L. and P. S., or any other London public utility, has never paid a cent to Sir Adam Beck. P. S. except when value was received. Invoices are available for all expenditures made to the H. E. P. C. he says. "I checked up with Mr. Richards last night," Mr. Pocock added, "and am now positive that there has been no irregular payments. In the matter of rates, the hydro commission requested us as to save the expense of a special representative. The commission often did this. The concrete used in building the bridge-bank reservoir was secured through the commission at the lowest figure possible. We always check up with the commission first before making the purchases, and thereby get the lowest prices."

**Richards Makes Denial.**  
"I have no recollection of any legal work done at Ottawa for us by that firm," declared J. E. Richards, who was the London and Port Stanley railway.

Mr. Richards declares that he does not know the Ottawa legal firm mentioned in the charges, and that the L. and P. S. R. at Ottawa at the time mentioned by Settell.

"As far as I can see, the Settell charges have no merit," he said. "I have no knowledge of any irregularity since I became manager of the road at the end of 1915. Of course, large sums have been paid to the railway to the hydro commission, but these were always for services given or materials secured. We have a big stock of invoices which show this. It has paid us to work together with the hydro commission."

**The McClary Charge.**  
The charge of special favors given the McClary manufacturing company was answered briefly by Mr. Gunn, assistant general manager, in the absence of Col. William Gartshore.

Mr. Gunn stated that the McClary company had sold signs to the commission from time to time, but that the company had no knowledge as to whether or not its tender in the instance cited by Settell was the highest tender. "The company merely submitted its tender in the usual way," he said. "The company was not favored by the commission, and that tender was accepted in the regular way."

**Sir Adam's Stables.**  
There appears to be nothing serious in the remaining charge that Sir Adam Beck used his stables as a garage, and that he employed by the hydro commission to assist Daniel Simpson, Sir Adam's groom, for weeks at a time in purchasing horses for the stables.

Mr. Beck, who is at present acting as groom at the Beck stables, stated to The Advertiser that Roy Beck was discharged over a year ago because Sir Adam, realizing there was little necessity for him to have a private car and chauffeur maintained by the hydro commission, desired to get rid of the expense and allowed him (Dan Simpson) to work both as chauffeur and groom under his own personal expense.

Simpson, who does all buying of horses for the stables, stated, however, that on several occasions he had asked Roy Beck to drive him to certain places not far from the city in order that he might see some horses. Roy Beck drove him in Sir Adam's private auto, not maintained by the hydro commission.

**Sixteen Remaining Charges.**  
The remaining sixteen charges which are now being probed by the Snider commission are as follows: 1. That Sir Adam Beck's notes will show an unchecked encroachment of greed, waste of public money and exploitation of the public on a severe case and received satisfaction from him. Mr. MacLachlan is head of the employees' relations committee. He had recommended his appointment, which had followed the good work by Dr. Gaby.

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11. That the appointment, in 1924, of Dr. Gaby as medical and surgical consultant of the hydro power commission, at \$225 per month, was scandalous, and that in addition he gets fees for every case attended.

12. That the inevitable is being staved off by failure to charge depreciation in respect of radial railways, and it is further charged that the statement—made in 1924—by Sir Adam Beck to the city council of the city of Toronto, that the deficit on radial railways included depreciation, was not the truth.

13. That automobiles of the commission are used for the benefit of officers of the commission, and that the expenses of such use are paid by the accounting department of the hydro power commission and charged and varied to suit the requirements of the hydro power commission.

14. That the statements prepared by the accounting department of the hydro power commission are changed and varied to suit the requirements of the hydro power commission.

15. That deceptive accounts have been rendered in respect of hydro radial railways, the specific charges being that thousands of dollars are being spent in respect of coming radial railways.

16. That minutes of meetings of the hydro power commissions have been changed to suit the purposes of Sir Adam Beck, and in reading read to the board and approved.

**DETECTIVE'S BILL GETS  
ENGINEER'S APPROVAL**

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improprieties and wrong doing took place on the part of certain officials of the commission and the officials of the Portland Cement company. Mr. Guilfoyle presented the sale agreement between the two parties, dated March 14, 1922. According to the agreement, the Wellington quarry was sold by the commission to the Hanover Portland Cement company for \$310,000. The quarry had been purchased for \$150,000 in 1915 by the hydro for the stone. The stone taken out was made into cement by the Hanover company at a unit cost per barrel for the commission. When the Chippewa canal was completed the hydro sold the quarry to the company. The selling price being the cost of the commission. The quarry was sold to the Hanover company at a unit cost per barrel for the commission.

Mr. Brewster: "Had any money been paid for it?"  
"\$50,000 cash," replied Mr. Guilfoyle. "The money was secured by mortgage of \$250,000."  
"When it is all balanced up, taking several accounts into consideration, the commission company was paid \$9,047 at the end of September, 1924."

Further investigation into this phase of the charges will be carried out by the Snider commission.

**Roy Beck Testifies.**  
Roy Beck, former employee of Settell, who was charged with the country at hydro expense locating horses for Sir Adam's private stable, was sworn in as a witness in the early part of 1921 as a driver, and continued until the latter part of 1923. He was located in Toronto chiefly. He was located in London and Mr. Gaby in Toronto. He admitted driving a man named Simpson around the country looking for horses.

Mr. Brewster: "How many times did you do that?"  
"Several times."

Beck: "I understood that it was Sir Adam's stables."

Mr. Brewster: "Did you ever drive Mr. Gaby's family?"  
Beck: "Yes, when Mr. Gaby was busy."

"Any week-end trips?"  
"I drove Mr. Gaby and his family to the Falls, going Saturday, coming back Sunday."

Mr. Beck was doing work at the canal. He had not driven them on pleasure trips during the week. Settell will be recalled on this phase at a later date.

W. MacLachlan was then called in connection with the appointment of Dr. A. Gaby, a brother of the chief medical and surgical consultant to the commission. He stated that he had not been receiving satisfaction in medical cases. He thought of Dr. Gaby and used him on a severe case and received satisfaction from him. Mr. MacLachlan is head of the employees' relations committee. He had recommended his appointment, which had followed the good work by Dr. Gaby.

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PRESIDENT COOLIDGE, who was elected by a large majority but whose house majority is still in doubt.

## THREE BOARD MEMBERS DEFINITELY THROUGH

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There will be at least three new faces among the members of the board of education next year.

This fact becomes apparent through the announcement by three of the present members of the board, whose terms expire at the end of the current year, that they will not stand for re-election.

These trustees definitely retiring this year are Dr. Alfred J. Grant, Rev. G. Q. Warner, and N. F. Willmot. Two other trustees, Mrs. John L. Hunt and A. N. Udy, have not as yet made up their minds. The only other member whose term expires this year, is inclined to stand for re-election. He stated, however, that he had no aspirations, whatever, for the chairmanship of the board, in which connection his name has been mentioned in recent months.

Those members whose terms have yet a year to run are Mrs. J. B. Wright, Mrs. John A. Rose, Rev. R. D. Mess, A. R. Cairncross and George F. Copeland. The chairman of the board, Mr. Arthur in the recent death of his husband, distinguished Canadian man of letters, was passed.

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**DISCUSSES COURSE.**  
R. A. Finn of the department of agriculture in Newbury today in connection with the proposed short course in agriculture to be held in that village this winter.

## COUNTRY SCHOOL PROBLEM TALKED

Question of Reducing Rural Boards Brought Before Women's Institutes.

The question of doing away with rural school boards and replacing them with township boards was brought before the assembled women's institutes of Western Ontario at their annual convention here today.

Miss Robson of Ilderton, who introduced the subject, declared that it was one of the liveliest questions of the day in the communities. She doubted, however, that it would be a good thing for the rural districts should the number of school trustees be cut down in this manner. There were now 16,000 rural trustees in Ontario, and as long as they were trustees they could be approached in a dozen ways on matters of educational interest.

Should this number of trustees be cut to a tenth by the introduction of township boards, the rural trustee boards now established it would mean that fewer men and women would be actively interested in the work of rural schools.

**Urged to Vote.**  
Mrs. Schrier of Arkenau was another interesting speaker who urged the women of the institutes the importance of exercising the franchise on all occasions, not merely when it was a vote in the province, but when it was their duty to attend the annual meetings of the rural school boards and to become interested in the affairs of the community.

"Men are like a bunch of youngsters," she said, "and you have to look after them. At these annual meetings, when so much is at stake."

The speaker further urged the women to see that a school health nurse be appointed in every district. She pointed out the great benefit to the community of consolidated schools, continuation schools and supervised noon hours with hot lunches.

**Stand at Attention.**  
Mrs. J. C. McMillan of Crinan, who presided over the morning session, made a good point when she declared that the women of the country should stand at attention for the rest of the women of the country by standing at attention during the singing of the national anthem.

The morning's business further included school reports from the different townships, and a report from Miss M. Chapman. A standing resolution of deep sympathy for Mrs. Peter McArthur in the recent death of her husband, distinguished Canadian man of letters, was passed.

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JOHN W. DAVIS, defeated candidate in the presidential elections. Davis as the Democratic choice put up a stiff battle.

## MONEY NOT INVOLVED IN WESTERN PLEBISCITE

Vote on Proposed "U" Grant Planned To Test General Feeling.

The plebiscite which will go to the people on December 1 regarding a yearly grant of \$55,000 to the university of western Ontario will not be in the form of a money bill, according to City Clerk Baker and Mayor Wenige.

The 1925 council may sanction a \$55,000 grant to the university and then the council of 1926 may turn it down," Mr. Baker says. "The passing of the plebiscite does not bind the hands of the council. They may make the grant without taking a plebiscite at all for they have that authority. But by putting the question to a vote of the people they will know whether or not the electors are behind them."

This question will be voted on by all electors of the city of London, and not merely by the freeholders. In fact, all six questions which will be presented on election day will be voted on by the whole electorate.

## ROOMING-HOUSE KEEPER SUCCUMBS TO WOUNDS

Canadian Press Despatch. Saskatoon, Sask., Nov. 5.—With a skull crushed, apparently by a blunt weapon, John Michaud, aged 35, a rooming-house keeper of Meacham, was found in an unconscious condition in his home yesterday night in a poker game.

He died shortly after being admitted to hospital.

With a party of fellow townsmen, Michaud, it is said, was engaged during the night in a poker game, and men are under arrest by the police and will be held as material witnesses.

In search of the premises by the police a blood-smeared pump handle was found behind one of the doors. An inquest will be held.

## FOREIGN LABORERS ARE BARRED FROM OIL FIELD

Associated Press Despatch. Mexico City, Nov. 5.—Foreign or non-union laborers will not be permitted to work as strike-breakers in the Corona Company's oil fields, the federation of labor is assured by President Obregon. The federation had protested to the president against an alleged plan by the company to import workers from Holland.

General Obregon also repeated his instructions to the military authorities at Tampico to give full protection to union workers willing to return to work.

## MURDERER OF PIONEER IS SENTENCED TO DIE

Associated Press Despatch. Edmonton, Alta., Nov. 5.—Hans Johnson was convicted yesterday in the criminal court here of the murder of Hugh McDermott, old-timer of Fort Saskatchewan, early in August, and sentenced by Mr. Justice Ives to be hanged on Feb. 4.

James McCaffrey, counsel for the defence, said that an appeal under the recent amendments to the criminal code would be entered.

The execution will take place at Fort Saskatchewan, within sight of the farm where the crime was committed.

## FINDS DOG.

A valuable bound dog was found by Inspector George Tustin of the National Mounted Police on Oxford street outside the city limits this morning.

Mr. Tustin removed the animal to the humane society kennels on Torkia street where the animal was destroyed.

## REVISION COURT.

Revision court will sit on Friday for the purpose of taking up a number of new tax revisions. These are chiefly appeals on income tax assessments.

## APPOINTMENT UNLIKELY.

John Farrell, local immigration officer, stated this morning that the possibility of the appointment of an immigration officer at Port Stanley this year was unlikely.

**DENTISTS BUSY.**  
According to the regular monthly report of Dr. E. W. Fuller, school dentist, there were during October 1,498 operations and 738 examinations of the children attending the public schools of the city.

As chief dental officer the examinations are made by Dr. Fuller, while the operations are performed by dental clinics, conducted at Trafalgar, Lorne avenue, Riverview and Aberdeen schools.

**ALL MIXED UP.**  
Members of No. 2 committee stated this morning that as they had received no notices calling a special meeting for last night, they had not put in an appearance. Notices were not sent because the aldermen had agreed among themselves at the last regular meeting a week ago. No meeting will likely be held before next Tuesday night.

## THREATS ALLEGED AGAINST COUNCIL

Publication of Salary List Raises Storm in Civic Body.

Special to The Advertiser. St. Thomas, Nov. 4.—Ald. Burger, at the meeting of the city council this evening, in dealing with the matter of the "insubordination" of City Auditor Gough in not finishing the statement of salaries of city officials as required by the city council in a motion recently carried, stated that he had heard rumors that certain city aldermen had visited Mr. Perry, city treasurer