Metropolis of Western Ontario.

DECIDE COURSE IN REGARD TO SKATING RINKS

Utilities Commissioners Vote Water Free, But Will Charge for Labor.

25 HOCKEY TEAMS APPLY

Want To Use Victoria Park For Games and Practice.

Meeting on Friday afternoon for their last time this year the members of the public utilities commission, acting on the request from General Manager Buchanan, decided upon a definite course to pursue through the winter with respect to water and light for kating rinks.

Manager Buchanan explained that he had been in receipt of numerous requests to supply water for rinks throughout the city, and asked the com-mission to define a limit. The com-missioners decided, after full discussion that water should be furnished free to flood the rinks, but the church or club or whatever body was in control of the rink should pay for the labor necessar-

lly involved. Has 25 Applications.

Manages Buchanan pointed out also that he had about 25 applications from hockey teams to use the Victoria Park rinks at various periods. A request also by Mayor-Elect Wilson on behalf of the residents of Pottersburg for an ice rink in that locality, was placed on the same basis as regards water and

A copy of the Toronto agreement relating to waterworks extensions was considered by the members, and deem-ed quite feasible also for London, with certain minor revisions. The city solicitor will be asked to initiate these changes, and at the next meeting of the commission the old local agreement will be rescinded and the new one placed into being. It will not be ne cessary, it was explained, to seek action of the city council in this mat-

Collected as "Water Rates."

Under the new arrangement the cost of any waterworks extension will automatically become collectable as "water rates." Under the provisions of the waterworks act a lien may thus be placed against the property affected by the extension. Ordinarily it has not been the habit, as Commissioner Vin-ing explained, for members of the legal profession to search titles of property for possible water charges. The com-missioner suggested that they be forthwith notified of the impending change

With the completion of routine business, Commissioner Philip Pocock moved a vote of thanks for the able manner In which the post of chairman had been enacted by Jared Vining during 1921, and expressed the fervent hope that the commissioners would see him back in

Vining. "It is an expression of good-will, and I want to thank the commissioners for their great courtesy assistance on every occasion. We have also had able assistance from General Manager Buchanan and his secretary, Manager Bluchanan and manager Collect Ellwood, whose extreme carefulness and interest has prevented us going wrong at any time. During ne years that I have been on the control of the property of the propert sion I know of no unpleasant-

Staff Commended.

pressed the opinion that the work of the utility board had been greatly enhanced by the wonderful organization the department. It is a splendid e, he said, built up year by year, in itself obviated all troubles

Makes His Claim



BABY WM. EVANS.

THE place which child welfare has in the community and district is strongly emphasized each time there appears a new claimant for first place as a physically perfect The latest baby to enter the lists is Baby William Evans, son of Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Evans, 4 Kennon Place, who is 7 months old, and weighs 22 pounds. From finger tip to finger tip he measures 27 inches, and stands 28 inches tall. From hip to foot he measures 14 inches; 181/4 inches is the measurement about his head, 19 inches about his chest, and 19 inches about the abdomen. His small arm is 11 inches long. He claims he thus outstrips the Port Rowan baby and the baby from Kalamazoo, who made the original challenge.

MOVING PICTURES FEATURE CONCERT

Given by Children of Wellington Street Sunday School.

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Commissioner T. W. McFarland exessed the opinion that the work of a utility board had been greatly ena utility board had been greatly en-A number of the program given by special request was the singing of the names of the books of the Bible, an proved themselves letter perfect.

friction. He lauded the efforts of INTRODUCE ROLL CALL

TRUSTEES PASS **VOTE OF THANKS** TO CHAIRMAN

Thomas Coleridge Expresses Regret That He Was Forced To Retire.

BOARD'S WORK REVIEWED

Controversy Over Cost of Ash Lift Is Averted by Diplomacy.

Valedictory addresses, resolutions of

the board imbured with the firm idea difficult circumstances, chiefly owing to serve the children of the schools unemployment. At Christmas time he the city, and I have done the best I was very generously helped out by busi-

of the city, and I have done the best I could I only with that it could have been longer."

"I am in practicelly the same host as Mrs. "Fanner." said Trustee David Erret. "I have been asked to resign, by the paople. I leave, bowever, after two years on the board that I have enjoyed to every may imaginable. Lanjay any way imaginable of furniture. Children's stories, moving pictures in the hoard that I have enjoyed in every way imaginable. I entoy any which are badly in need of of furniture work for the children of our city. I and clothing.

the midst of the program given by the little people themselves, proved a most popular feature of the Christmas engagement cities for the crimmas engagement cities of the crimmas engagement cities In his review of the activities of the street.

little people said Trustee Bice, "and it is their place to point these things, out to us, not we to them. That is what we are paying

them for." .
Trustee A. A. Langford explained that

Stork Wins Over Grim Reaper And Cupid During Year 1921 TO TRUSTEES

The stork seems to have excelled himself during the year just closing, for statistics compiled at the city hall show that of the trio—stork, grim reaper and totaled 650, less than two-for every day in the year, and no less than 185 less than in 1920, which evidences a constitution of the trio—stork, grim reaper and for such ceremonies.

pirths, the figures being: 1920, 1,518; females and 513 males.

Town Topics.

in order that citizens attending watch-

Emigh, B. E. Leigh and A. H. An-

DIE IN TONG FEUD

Boys predominate this year by a slight margin, the totals being 764 girls and 772 boys.

Nuptial knots tied during the year average.

Figures for the last month of the year show 120 births, a material increase over previous months; a decrease, and marriages 63 or about an average.

AGED EAST LONDON THE LONDON Street Railway Com-RESIDENT PASSES pany has announced that the street cars will run until 1 o'clock Sunday morning,

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belighed the trustees on behalf of bimbell and nointing out that in lauding him for his services as chairman, they were really conferring credit that rightly belonged to themselves.

"My lest two years as a member of the board of education has been a real live to me," said Mrs. Tenner "I came to the board of education has been a real live to me," said Mrs. Tenner "I came the certain year.

In the board of education has been a real live to me," said Mrs. Buskard is survived by her seven children: Miss Annie at home: William J. of Providence, R. I.: John of Brantford, Charles A. and Fred of London, Mrs. Herbert Pike of Chicago. George F. of Ottawa, and two brothers, Thomas Goodbrand of Alberta and Walters are many London families in very large difficult circumstances, chiefly owing to be not redeceased her 29 years ago. band predeceased her 29 years ago.

The funeral will be private.

on account of the fact that New Year's original plan of the building. Mr. Rowe

r in attendance, and Rev. Dean had very good

REINSTATE VACATION

GIVES BANQUET

cupid—it was the only one to excel its effort of 1920.

Compared with 1920, the city this year made an additional gain of 18 in population, there being 18 more nated, the mortality figures showing 481 in the city that the flowers being 18 more nated, the mortality figures showing 481 in the flowers being 180 in 1820. Again males predominated, the mortality figures showing 481 in the city that the flowers being 180 in 1820.

Figures for the last month of the year MEMBERS SUBMIT VIEWS

Express Regret at Departure of Popular School Board Official.

riving a great deal of pleasure from serving on the board. For the work of his committee he said they had started out that they had started out with a very big problem on their hands, but that now that the Collegiate was almost completed, he thought that the most of he citizens appreciated the efforts put orward by the board.

Trustee Rowe, chairman of the vocational training committee, said that the

Trustee Bice, chairman of the audit

Santa Claus.

The big Christmas tree was problem to the standard of the standa Tucker of the cathedral will preach.

The New Year will be welcomed in by the members of St. James' Church. London South, with an address by the rector, after which a celebration of holy communion will take place.

In address good to option had various members of the board, and that one of them and never missed a meeting. He remarked that he had received a great deal of experience from acting on the board during the past year, and hoped that he would be able to put his experience to good use in the coming

COMMENCING at 8 o'clock Sunday the Grand Trunk Railway will dispatch all trains in this district by telephone. Th and now trains can be dispatched by telephone from Montreal to

been chairman was one of the most en-

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Collegiate Institute

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tinue as at present for the month

A. A. LANGFORD,

Chairman Collegiate Committee

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M. C. A. officials.

Chairman T. Coleridge, of the board

which are badly in need of of furniture and clothing.

COURT MAGNOLIA, A. O. F., elected lts officers for 1922 at the regular neeting in the K. of P. hall, 380 Richmend street. The following are officers for LE ensuing year; P. C. R. F. D. Lewis; C. P., M. McAdam; S. C. R. A. H. The ancient custom of holding watch night services will not be observed in many of the local churches this year

one minute past 12. The boys will be committee, said that the committee addressed by one of the teachers from which he represented was the most Mr. John Wahace, superintendent, played a star part as superintendent, played a star part as superintendent, played a star part as cost of more committee, and N. B. Emigh; room committee, and N. B.

POSTOFFICE WORKERS
The summer-leave employees at the estoffice taken on during vacation time

Trustee-Elect A. E. Silverwood said that he would be able to but his experience to good use in the coming year. He thanked the members for the way they had received him when he first came to the board, and said that he had enjoyed the work very much.

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second resolution, moved by Comsioner McFarland, was enthusiasticated and the manager and all his staff for the manner in which the business had not conditions rather pleasant for commission throughout the year. On behalf of the personnel of his staff and himself. Manager Buchann made ting reply, lauding all the employees the interest, loyalty and devotion duty continuously.

AT NEW YEAR SERVICE

A unique feature will be introduced at the New Year's services on the sollowance had been made in the plans for the removal of ashes, and that while the duestion had been under the question had been the question had

G. T. R. Will Dispatch All Trains by Telephone

not be long before he would be a mem-TURKEYS BREAK RECORD ber of the board again. ber of the board again.
Others who spoke were: Dr. Claude
Brown, W. H. T. Mooney, V. K. Greer,
H. B. Beal, W. A. Tanner, L. E. Carrothers, W. H. Robinson, Mrs Tanner,
Trustee Eggett, Trustee Udy, Trustee
Wright, Mrs Hunt and Trustee Clarke.
Chairman Coleridge, in replying to

Load of 200 Dressed in North Simcoe Sell At Average Chairman Coleridge, in replying to of 60c Pound. a toast, declared that never before had he received so many compliments in one day. He said that the year that he had

SUBMIT REPORT

TO DEPARTMENT

OF AGRICULTURE

Representatives' Summary of

Ontario Conditions Shows

Wide Variation.

Following is a summary of reports

a New Year's dinner by the Y. M. C.
A. Saturday. R. P. Liddle, industrial secretary of the Y. M. C. A., was prestigated by the Y. M. C. A., was prestigated by the Y. M. C. A. and the control of the Y. M. C. A. and the C. and the C. A. and the C. an waterloo says that considerable hay is for sale in parts of that county, and that some sales are being made at from \$14 to \$16 a ton at the barns. Pressers are charging \$3 a ton for their work. Prescott and Russell states that forty

cars of hay were shipped from Plantagenet during the last two weeks at from \$17 to \$20 a ton.
Grey says that wood is being brought HOWARD—At Victoria Hospital, Friday, Dec. 31, 1921, Katherine, dearly beloved daughter of Harvey and Florence Howard, azed 4 years and months.

Funeral (strictly private) from the family residence, 229 Burwell street. Interment at St. Peter's Cemetery, bully only a series of the demand now is not so great.

For William states that many farmers are busy in the bush taking out only only and logs. They got an early minwood and logs. They got an early

pulpwood and logs. They got an early start this winter, and expect to make a pretty good thing out of handling

mand for farm help. Grey is of opinion that next year will see a further re-Waterloo states that some farmers are finding it hard with poor returns

to keep their married men, and as a result some of them are looking for

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Strathroy Boy Bares Brutality of Spaniards To

DELATING a graphic story of distress, brutality and intense hardship, Thomas Beckett stopped a few minutes

Acase hardship. Thomas Beckett stopped a few minutes in London Friday afternoon en route to his home near Straithroy, after a brief sojourn on active service in Morocco, North Africa, with the Spanish Foreign Legion.

The youthful Canadian veteran of the latest Spanish war effort was actually one of 56 disillusioned ex-members of the Spanish army who, ragged and penniless, reached London, England, a month aso from the Spanish capital, and his story of inhuman treatment by the Spaniards confirms in every detail the accounts that have been dispatched to America by other legionaries from time to time.

Repatriated through the intervention of the British war office, these men were suddenly discharged ("kicked out" us young Beckett describes it), and traveled to England via Paris. Few of them were properly clothed. Many lacked underwear of any description, and several were without bendgear. Beckett himself returned to Canada a semi-civilan, his trousers being obtained overseas from the Britishing the server of the Britishing of illan, his trousers being obtained overseas from the Brit-military authorities.

OFFERED 700 PESETAS. The Strathroy member of Spain's foreign expeditionary ates that when he enlisted with seventeen others, twelve ricans and four Canadians, at the Spanish consulate in w Orleans, U.S.A., he was promised that if he remained the the legion for five years he would receive a bonus of setas. (A peseta is something between ten and fifteen. In the meantime the pay was to be at the rate of

r and one-half pesetas a day. Nothing was forthcoming, he says, however, on the day of ischarge, so far as finances were involved, and the luckless egionaries were really "lucky" to get away at all, he says. As a matter of fact their departure was accompanied by a round of curses from a voluble and pompous Spanish "colonel," who said. "get out you English dogs." Beckett, who had spent some time in Mexico, as well as

several of the Spanish-American republics of the tropics before he embarked upon the North African enterprise, can speak a little Spanish, sufficient at any rate, he explains, to know just when the Spaniards were cursing the Britishers "They had about the same opinion of us both," he says, "and that was very poor

BARES EXTREME CRUELTY.

army, were related by the returned veteran.

Thomas Beckett of Strathroy, Third Rifleman, on right. Britishers, Canadians and Americans were struck about the face and head with fists, rifle butts or whatever was handy at the time, with little or no provocation.

It was but a few days before he was discharged that Beckett, during a squad movement, fell accidentally against another man. He was instantly struck from behind with a rifle end by a non-commissioned officer and rendered un-Carried to the hospital by two American "buddles," he

soon recovered and was fortunate to survive with but a severe bump on his head.

Others were less lucky, however, he says. An Irishman named Carver, from Kinsale, asked for rations for himself and a Canadian 'pal,' and was so man-handled by Spanish non-commissioned officers that he was terribly cut about Shocking tales of crueity and extreme hardship, more to be expected in a German prison camp than in an Allied the head and face and was actually unconscious for fi

Ludwig, the Canadian, carried him to the hospital, where

as his reward he was knocked to the ground and set upon by five Spanish officers, who kicked him mercilessly until he, too, was rendered unconscious. FOOD UNFIT TO EAT.

As would almost be anticipated under such circumstances the food was unit to eat, whether on active service or in training at any one of the camps or fortresses.

"The fighting was a joke." says Beckett. "Had we had lequate clothing, proper food and more human treatment merally, conditions would have otherwise been excellent."

"Although the Moors themselves were game fighters, managed to put them to rout. How we did it can make the spanish authorities increased the allowance.

Beckett describes the Spanish authorities increased the allowance.

With no money at his disposal, the Strathroy boy work-the way back from London, England to Canada. Although the Moors themselves were game fighters, we managed to put them to rout. How we did it can well coal on a Canadian government freight. Landing in St. the Spaniards themselves. The Spaniards were decidedly mined that Spain can be over-run with Moors before the spaniards, there were times when we actually had the spaniards themselves.

hem to try and have us always serve as the battering "The Moors had practically no artillery to speak of. How they managed to obtain possession of a cannon is some what of a mystery. Anyhow, one day they shot over ex actly two shells and the effect was ludicrous. The great

to go back and help chase up the regulars. It was natural

bulk of the Spanish army fell back for nearly two miles, startled were they. The fighting was concluded for the day in as far as they were involved at least." FOUGHT 8-HOUR DAY. From what Beckett relates, both forces adhered strictly to an "eight-hour" fighting day. There seemed to be in existence a sort of unwritten law that this approximate period

should not be exceeded and there were no manoeuvres of a

hostile nature after the sun went down "We used to start out shortly before dawn," explained Beckett, "and march to whatever point had been selected by the commander. Fighting would invariably start after breakfast (if we had any). 'About three o'clock in the afternoon was the time for

'cease fire.' I never saw this procedure to fail once. The fighting part of it all was really a scream. If we had had clothes and food the entire war would have bordered or the burlesque."
"After three o'clock in the afternoon we re-formed and always fell back to a new alignment, sometimes as far as three miles. We never endeavored to consolidate our gained positions. On some occasions we followed up with supper."

GOT FOOD ALLOWANCE. On leaving Ceuta, Spain, on their way back to England, the Legionaries were given a food allowance by the Spaniards for five days at the rate of five pesetas a day. As an ordinary meal cost about four and a-half pesetas, this munificient sum, Becket explains, was spent on the second day The British ambassador at Madrid came to the rescue and provided for the trip from there to Bilbao, Spain. Here the British consul took them in hand and after persistent agitation the Spanish authorities increased the allowance.

prosperous times.

London, Catario.