$35,000 MORE TO COME OUT OF CITY POCKETS

50-Cent Jump in Coal Prices Means That, According To Estimates.

TON PER CAPITA USED

This Is Statement Compiled From Wholesalers' Figures of Consumption.

FACTORIES ARE HIT, TOO

Soft Coal Increase Will Make Costs Shoe Pinch on All Corns.

An average of more than one ton of coal is required to keep warm and supplied with cooked food each resident of the city of London and vicinity within a radius of five or six miles, man, woman and child, for one year. This is the estimate given by a prominent dealer who states that about 70,000 tons of anthracite coal are sold to householders for heating and cooking purposes.

At an advance of 50 cents a ton this season this will mean $35,000 in London credited to the increased cost of living.

Twenty-three dealers will share what at first glance looks like a profit and money-grabbing. Of these, about 15 or 17 carry regular stocks.

"You can figure it out for yourself. When the big men make their sales, there isn't much left for the small man," says the wholesaler to whom reference has already been made.

Moreover, the coal dealer does most of his business in seven or eight months in the year. A few have adopted the fashion of an ice business as an alternative. Some keep builders' supplies, which, the wholesaler remarks, "cuts into the builders' supplies regular business."

Not Going To Be Ahead.

But these 23 coal dealers aren't going to be a bit ahead this season, even with that $35,000 to slice up among them, according to all available figures. What with an increase in the wages to miners, which comes back on the wholesalers and retailers, and eventually on the consumers, and coupled with this, an increase in Canadian freight rates of 10 per cent east of Port Arthur, the retailer is quite getting his own trouble out of the new advance. This doesn't include the fact that $14 scarcely pays for service obtainable for $10 a year ago.

What about the railroads gobbling up money in freight charges?

Defends Rail Tariff.

The wholesalers comes to the championship of the cause of the railroads. He says: "The Canadian rates have been lower than the American. In any case, the railroads have been carrying coal up to the present time for exactly the same rates for the past 30 years. The railroad commission was entirely justified in sanctioning the increase. Anybody can realize the cost of operation is much greater to the railway companies than it was 30 years ago, owing to the increased cost of labor."

The most recent figures available gives about 70,000 to 75,000 tons of soft coal consumed in a year by the factories of London, so the factories are going to be pinched as well as the householders.

In any case there seems to be reasonable excuses for the increase in price all the way back along the line, from retailer to miner, right through the transportation companies. The shoe may pinch, but the only thing possible seems to be to wear it as heroically as possible.

The family may be able to survive without automobiles and ice cream cones, but it must have fuel in order to be kept comfortable and healthy.

Anyway, it may be a mild winter.

Big Demand Today.

Either the reduced temperature or the announcement may have been responsible for the fact that the people who must pay the coal man, have been doing a considerable amount of telephoning and calling upon the coal dealers since reading Monday afternoon's home edition of The Advertiser.

More than one individual, intent on securing a large portion of the winter's supply before miners' wges, freight rates, etc., could do any more soaring, met with a still further shock. The information which was published stated that coal had advanced 50 cents a ton, which would mean $8.25 per ton. It was obvious if the original price had been $7.75, plus 50 cents, would make $8.25.

Chestnut Up To.

At the same rate of advance chestnut coal which a year ago retailed at $8 a ton is now, of necessity, $8.50 a ton.

"But I understood coal was $8.25 a ton. That is what the paper said," announced several purchaser.

"The paper also said there was an advance of 50 cents on coal and you know, chestnut has always been 25 cents more than furnace coal," patiently explained the coal man.

THREE ABSENT WITHOUT LEAVE ARE REMANDED

Men From 142nd and 110th All Plead Guilty.

Three soldiers, charged with being absent without leave, were found guilty at the police court this morning, and were remanded a week for sentence. In the interim, P. M. Judd will make inquiries as to their history, and will decide what is best to be done.

Thomas Pratt and Charles Spragg took french leave of the 142nd Battalion, while Irving Melhm left the 110th. All three pleaded guilty when arraigned.

The original charges were desertion, but they were reduced to being absent without leave.

THOMAS COLLINS OF C. P. R. GOING TO TORONTO

Report Says Yardmaster Will Be Succeeded by A. L. Smith.

Although not yet officially announced, it is stated by C. P. R. officials here that Thomas Collins, local C. P. R. yardmaster, will be transferred to Toronto at an early date and that he will be succeeded here by A. L. Smith, superintendent of the Sudbury district. Mr. Smith was chief dispatcher here several years ago, and is well known by many in the city.

CITY BREVITIES

SURPRISE KITCHEN SHOWER.—About twenty-five girl friends pleasantly surprised Miss Gertrude Hill with a kitchen shower at the home of her sister, Mrs. Wm. Hogg. The evening was spent in music and games.

WARDS IN GOOD HANDS—Inspector Joseph Sanders of the Children's Aid Society, has recently visited the wards of the society in Middlesex County, and found them all in good hands, and doing well. There are about 100 such children in the county.

OFF FOR CONVENTION.—Mayor Stevenson, City Clerk Baker, Ald. Adam Palmer, Ald. W. A. Wilson, Ald. E. S. Little and Controller Gammage, will leave this evening for Toronto where they will attend the annual meeting of the Ontario Municipal Union. There are many subjects of interest to Londoners coming up.

DAMAGE WAS SMALL. — The fire department was called to 310 Talbot street about 10 o'clock last night to extinguish a blaze that had broken out in a pile of old timber in the rear. It is believed a spark from a passing locomotive fired the pile. The G. T. R. car cleaners with a hose used for cleaning cars practically had the blaze out when the department arrived.

NO MORE SALARY BOOSTS FOR MEN AT INCINERATOR

Committee Turns Down Request of Stokers.

GETTING HONEST WEIGHT

Coal and Bread Found To Be Correct by the City Inspector.

At a meeting of fire, light and market committee of the city council last night a request for twenty per cent increase in the wages of the firemen and stokers employed at the incinerator was refused. The reason given was that these men have already received an increase this year, their wages being raised from 25 cents to 27 cents an hour.

The question referred by the board of control to the committee with reference to a rebate for street watering and oiling was dealt with. It was moved that the city clerk write to the public utilities commission, saying that a large rebate is expected.

Ald. Burdick alleged that there were many streets in the city which had been neither oiled for watered. London North he claimed was always attended to first, and London East left until the last. The streets should all be oiled at the same time, he said. To do this more oil carts would be needed.

The building bylaw was not dealt with. It is now at the printer's, and the matter will be laid over until each member is supplied with a copy.

Inspector McCallum's report showed that all the bread he had weighed had been up to weight. A number of loads of coal which were weighed proved to be not only up to specifications, but to be long weight.

It was moved that the board of control call for tenders on the garbage stables, according to Inspector Piper's plans, so that the cost could be placed in next year's estimates.

ENGINEERS' TRAINING DEPOT VALCARTIER ATTRACTIVE

One of Finest Camps in the World—Corps Wants Transport Drivers.

J. F. Harty of Detroit is the latest to join the engineers for overseas service. Lieut. Fred. Corbett, who took the last draft of overseas men to Valcartier, states that the Engineers' Training Depot there is in itself an attraction to recruits. Two years have sufficed to create one of the finest and most complete camps in the world. Hot and cold showers, and plenty of amusements are provided for the men in their spare time. The canteen is ably administered, so that thousands of dollars in the bank enable the corps to materially reduce the price of commodities.

The engineers are most anxious to obtain about twenty men familiar with horses to act as transport drivers. Such men are given a thorough course in riding, such as is given to cavalry men. This course is said to be very interesting. A series of field days is held, one occurring every few weeks, when prizes are given for efficient work.

DEATHS AND FUNERALS

BURIED AT POND MILLS.

The funeral of Miss Ellen Weatherston, who died at Hubrey, Westminster, on Saturday afternoon, was held Monday afternoon at Hubrey at 1:30 o'clock. The services were conducted by Rev. Mr. Sawyers. Interment was made at Pond Mills Cemetery. The pallbearers were: Messrs. John Harvey, Thomas Nichol, W. H. Weatherstone, Robert Kirk and Robert Elliot.

Miss Weatherston was well known in the city, as she had at times resided here. She is survived by two sisters, Miss Mary of Toronto and Mrs. Andrew Nichol of Hubrey.

FUNERAL OF DOROTHY WHITE.

The funeral of Miss Dorothy Ellen White, eldest daughter of Charles H. White, 514 Dundas street, was held this afternoon from the family residence. She died on Monday after a short illness, death being due to heart disease.

The funeral services were conducted at the house by Rev. A. J. Thomas of the Dundas Centre Methodist Church. There was a large attendance and the floral offerings were numerous. Interment took place at Mount Pleasant Cemetery.

The pallbearers were Arthur Harrison, Morell Blakie, Lloyd Chapman, Gordon Udy, Wilfon Cowley and Kenneth Brown.

FUNERAL OF MRS. SIMPSON.

The funeral of Mrs. Lucy May Simpson, who died on Thursday, was held this afternoon from the family residence, 832 Dufferin avenue. She was the wife of Alexander Simpson of this city.

The funeral service was conducted by Rev. Dr. Gustavus Munro. Interment was made at Mount Pleasant Cemetery.

BRENNAN—O'BRIEN.

In St. Michael's Church on Monday morning Edward Brennan of Cheapside street, was married by Rev. Father Hanlon to Miss Kathleen O'Brien of St. Thomas.

GOES TO JURY ON CHARGE OF COUNCIL FIGHT

Ald. Palmer Elects Trial and Is Committed by the Magistrate.

COMES UP AT SESSIONS

Sequel to Broil Between City Fathers Wound Up in December.

SAYS PROVOCATION THERE

Police Court Justice Declares Ald. Wilson Invited Evidence.

Ald. Adam Palmer, appearing before Magistrate J. C. Judd in police court this morning, elected trial by jury on a charge of assault, with bodily harm, preferred by Ald. W. A. Wilson. He was committed for trial by the magistrate and bailed to appear at the next general sessions of the peace in December on two sureties of $100. He put up one himself, while his counsel, George S. Gibbons, put up the other.

Ald. Palmer, through his counsel, offered to plead guilty to a charge of common assault, but Magistrate J. C. Judd would not agree to moderating the charge.

Crown Attorney J. B. McKillop prosecuted; J. M. McEvoy represented Ald. Wilson, and George S. Gibbons looked after Ald. Palmer's interests.

When the case was called, Mr. Gibbons elected trial by jury, and the examination of witnesses began.

Ald. Wilson gave his age as 63, and explained that he was a member of the city council.

Wilson's Story of Fight.

"I sit to the left of Ald. Palmer, one seat intervening," he said. "I was talking to a motion introduced by Ald. Ashplant, relative to the right of Ald. Palmer to hold a seat. Mr. Palmer had criticized me at a previous meeting for writing some lousy letters. I told him that there was no lice on me, and that no man but a coward would attack another man when he was away. I told him that I was informed that he was a scab at the McClary foundry, and Ald. Palmer stood up. He picked up a glass tumbler, and seemed to be meditating as to what he would do. I put up my hand, and the tumbler hit me on the head, inflicting a cut about two inches long, to the bone. My finger was also cut. I was stunned for a minute, and then I went after Ald. Palmer."

"Never mind what you did," said the magistrate. "Ald. Palmer has not preferred any charge against you."

"I do not know why I put up my hand, as I did not know he was going to throw the glass," continued Ald. Wilson.

Had Differences With Others.

"Did you have any trouble with Ald. Palmer prior to this?" asked Mr. McKillop.

"We had some differences, but I have differences with others," answered Ald. Wilson.

"Any questions?" asked the magistrate of Mr. Gibbons.

"None whatever," answered the latter.

"I think that we have made out a prima facie case, and I ask that he be committed for trial," commented Mr. McKillop.

Says Palmer Had Provocation.

"There is not much evidence of intent here," declared Mr. Judd. "It looks as if Ald. Palmer had much provocation, and he took steps to prevent any further calling of names. Ald. Wilson, from the testimony of himself, certainly invited some action."

"The man's head was cut, and I do not think this the proper way to prevent calling names," answered Mr. McKillop.

"I submit that there is no intent shown," said George S. Gibbons.

"No arguing between the lawyers," declared the magistrate. "We might have a repetition of the council proceedings here."

"We are willing to plead guilty to common assault," continued Mr. Gibbons. "There is not a shadow of evidence to show intent to do grievous bodily harm."

"There is not much evidence as to intent," answered Mr. Judd. "However, there was an assault occasioning actual bodily harm."

"I do not think you should commit then," retorted Mr. Gibbons.

Will Be Protected.

"Oh, yes, I am going to commit," declared the magistrate. "The charge can be lowered to common assault, or, assault occasioning actual bodily harm, at the sessions, so your client will be protected. I therefore commit him to the December sessions."

The question of bail was settled, and the case ended, so far as the police court is concerned.

Practically the whole council had been subpoenaed to give evidence in the case, which resulted from the fight in the council chamber on Monday, August 14, when Ald. Wilson's head was cut open by a glass tumbler thrown by Ald. Palmer.

The courtroom this morning was filled with spectators drawn by the unusual spectacle of two members of the city council appearing as plaintiff and defendant in an assault case.

BACK FROM EGYPT

Miss Hilda Stewart, Red Cross Nurse, Visiting In City.

Miss Hilda Stewart of Woodstock, formerly of this city, is visiting Miss Hennigan, John street. She is a graduate of Victoria Hospital, and left in May for Egypt, where she has since been engaged in her profession in a Red Cross Hospital at Cairo. She expects to return shortly to England.

COUNTESS BERNSTORFF HERE.

[Canadian Press.]

New York, N. Y., Aug. 29.—Countess Von Bernstorff, wife of the German ambassador to the United States, arrived here today on the Danish steamship Frederik VIII. She was met at quarantine by the ambassador, who went down the bay on a United States coastguard cutter.

The Frederik VIII. from Scandinavian ports with about 900 passengers, made her customary stop at Kirkwall for inspection by the British authorities, who removed all the mails. Countess Von Bernstorff was treated courteously at Kirkwall, passengers said, the inspectors refraining from examining her personal effects upon her presentation of credentials.

Before her marriage, the countess was Miss Jeanne Luckemeyer of this city. This is her first visit to this country since the war began.

London Kiddies' Work Appreciated by Soldiers

C. B. Edwards, public school inspector, is in receipt of a letter from Lieut.-Col. J. H. Diamond, officer commanding the Canadian Convalescent Home at Bromley, Kent, England, thanking him on behalf of the wounded men under his charge, for the splendid marmalade which was made and shipped to him by the public schools of London.

CLAIM HYPNOTIST INFLUENCES WOMAN TO WRITE LETTERS

Relatives Explain Actions Which Cause Trouble.

EVIL SPIRITS AT WORK

Victim Commits Acts and Then Forgets All About Them.

Claiming that a certain woman for unknown reasons has been exerting a hypnotic influence over his sister-in-law, Miss Campbell of North London, C. J. Blodgett of 361 Dundas street has written The Advertiser to explain certain circumstances connected with the affair.

Interviewed by an Advertiser reporter this morning, Mrs. Blodgett stated that the recent actions of her sister could be attributed to no other cause but that of some evil-minded person who had her sister under hypnotic control, and by suggestion had caused her to perform acts that she would never have done except her mind was controlled by a stronger and at the same time evil influence.

Mrs. Blodgett mentioned the fact of her sister having written letters to people that had contained statements which had resulted in the letters being placed in the hands of the postoffice inspector.

Does Not Remember Letters.

Investigation by this official showed that Miss Campbell could remember nothing of the letters, according to the statements made by her sister, Mrs. Blodgett.

A certain woman is suspected of using hypnotic influence to compel Miss Campbell to act as she does and write the letters, and efforts will be made by the family to solve the mystery.

Mrs. Blodgett claims this woman went to New York and there learned the secrets of hypnotism, and is now using her power to control the mind of Miss Campbell, but for what purposes her sister seems unable to tell.

The following letter was received by The Advertiser today:

The Explanation.

To the Editor of The Advertiser, City:

Dear Sir,—Will you please allow space in your paper for an explanation of certain things which have happened in the past two or three years.

It seems that certain persons have been receiving letters, charging them with certain wrong acts, and these persons appear to believe that we were aware that the letters had been written and were encouraging the writer in her action.

We wish it distinctly understood that we knew nothing of the matter until the postoffice inspector called our attention to the case.

We are trying to live as Christian people should live, but are harassed by evil-minded people who are secretly urging the writer of the letters to continue doing so, and claiming they have the power of mind to compel her and other people to do as they wish them to.

Offers Big Reward.

We are very anxious to find out who these experts are who have this power, and will handsomely reward anyone who will furnish this information. The lady who has been writing the letters is a pure-minded Christian and would not willingly cause anyone any trouble. She attends strictly to her own business when allowed to do so, is very industrious, does a great deal for the poor, and is very bright on every subject but this.

Please allow me to add that my wife is a devout Christian, whose work and life in the uplifting of men, women and children has been wonderfully owned of God in the past 25 years in Chicago, and Maywood, Ill., Kansas City, Kan., Waterloo and Marshalltown, Iowa.

I am a Christian and will not encourage sin in any form.

Thanking you for your kindness, I am, yours truly, C. J. BLODGETT.

361 Dundas street.

VOICE OF THE PEOPLE

The Grand Trunk Smoke Nuisance.

To the Editor of The Advertiser:

This city in common with other civilized communities has an ordinance prohibiting chimneys from throwing out smoke in clouds, I presume? Why then, I should like to ask our worthy city fathers, are the Grand Trunk Railway chimneys at the roundhouse, Rectory street, exempt? The cloud of thick black smoke and soot thrown out of the large chimney there every night, around 6:30 to 7:30 especially, is an absolute disgrace to any city management.

The entire surrounding neighborhood is seething with resentment against this callous indifference to its feelings and cleanliness exhibited by a wealthy railway company.

How long I wonder would a private citizen be allowed to pollute the air in like maner with his own modest chimney? Short shrift would be given him I ween if we may judge by the fate of one citizen fined $1 for merely ringing a bell outside his own place.

H. H. BURDETT.

Late Sergt.-Major.

Rectory street, London.

$103,255 REPRESENTED IN JULY TRANSFERS

$1 Real Estate Deals Recorded In London for Month.

The real estate returns for the month of July show that there were 81 transfers. The assessed value was $72,280, and the consideration $103,255. The assessment was 70 per cent of the selling price.

During the same month last year, there were 59 transfers. The assessment was $103,840, and the consideration $177,000. The assessment was 73.6 per cent of the selling price.

DISEASES OF FRUIT AND VEGETABLES TO BE DEMONSTRATED

County Agricultural Dept. To Have "Cure" Exhibit.

SCHOOL FAIRS CONTRIBUTE

Winners in Field Crop Competition Also To Have Place in Middlesex Show.

The Middlesex branch of the department of agriculture is to have an exhibit at the Western Fair. It will occupy a 60-foot frontage in the agricultural building. Prizewinners in the field crop competition conducted by the Ontario Vegetable Growers Association will contribute to the exhibit, and it promises to be well worth seeing. School fair winning exhibits will also be shown.

The other exhibits will not be prize fruits and vegetables, but exhibits of fruit and vegetable diseases, with domonstrations of the prevention and cure for each one. The office of the county branch will practically be transferred to the fair grounds for the week. One of the representatives of the department will be in charge and will give information or advice on any agricultural subjects.

It is possible that there may be also a drainage exhibit with instructions on the proper construction of joints and other matters connected with farm drainage.

WHEELS TORN OFF WHEN POST IS STRUCK

Auto uSffers When Driver Tries to Prevent Accident.

A large McLaughlin seven-passenger limousine owned by R. V. Eaton, 350 Russell Hill road, Toronto, met with an accident in front of the courthouse at 2:30 yesterday afternoon while attempting to avoid collision with another car driven by the manager of the Standard Paving Company. Mr. Eaton's car was driven on to the courthouse lawn, striking a telephone post and tearing off the front wheel and demolishing the front part of the machine.

The occupants escaped with a slight shaking. Mr. Eaton and three women were in the car.

NUMBER OF CHANGES IN CITY SCHOOL STAFF

These Must Be Arranged at Meeting of Board Today.

There will be a special meeting of the board of education this afternon at 4:30 o'clock to receive the report of Inspector C. B. Edwards and transact other business that may come up.

There are many changes in the staffs, re-adjustments, etc., that must be settled. The resignation of Miss Veda Cousins, now Mrs. Wm. Stewart, secretary to the inspector, will be accepted, and a successor will be appointed.

AID Y. W. C. A. EXTENSION

Contributors to Work Acknowledged by Board.

The board of the Young Women's Christian Association gratefully acknowledge the following contributions toward the extension of its work:

The city of London, $100; Mr. J. G. Richter, $25; Mr. H. E. Boomer, $10; Messrs. Purdom & Purdom, $10; Reid Bros. & Co., $10; A. McCormick & Son, $5; R. G. Fisher, $5; D. S. Perrin, $5; N. P. Grayden, $5; J. B. McKillop, $8; S. Baker, $2; O. B. Graves, $2; A. F. Goodall, $2; Israel Taylor, $2; W. Wright, $2; A. O. Jeffery, $2; N. J. Griffith, $2; Casselman Bros., $2; Karn Shoe Company, $2; J. Fawkes & Sons, $2; Ontario Furniture Company, $2; Graham Bros., $2; Cowan Hardware Company, $2; Catalano & Sansone, $2; G. Heyes, $1; James B. Merritt, $1; S. Stevely, $1; C. Frank, $1; J. Griffith, $1; F. M. Thomson, $1; J. M. Gunn, $1; Reason & Co., $1.

MAY E. LUDWIG,
General Secretary.

PERSONAL

Bert Trebilcock of Halifax, formerly of London, is holidaying with relatives here.

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Miss Margaret Goodson is visiting friends in Grand Rapids and Lowell, Mich.

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Rev. Alfred Brown of Kingston was a guest of Rev. D. Rogers a few days ago. He also called on Revs. J. Kennes and Dr. Flanders.

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Miss Elsie French of 578 English street has returned home after spending two months at Toronto and Mount Dennis.

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Walter French, who left with a draft from the 63rd Battery, has arrived safely in England.

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Miss Madeline Hill has returned home after spending the summer months with her sister, Mrs. W. L. Mason, Scarborough Beach, Toronto.

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Mr. W. J. Frezell, C. P. R. Steamship Service, Montreal, is visiting relatives in city.

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Mrs. Donald McLean went down to Toronto at noon today and is remaining until the end of the week.

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Mr. and Mrs. John MacMillan are spending a few days in Toronto this week.

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Mr. and Mrs. Patterson and babe of Millbrooke, Ont., are staying in town in the home of Mrs. Patterson's mother, Mrs. MacArthur, Dundas street.

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Miss Fanny Grindley of Montreal has been a week-end visitor in town, the guest of Miss Mary Campbell, Huron street.

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Mr. and Mrs. Thompson Smith will spend a few days in Toronto this week.

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Miss Florence Dewey of the London Conservatory of Music has returned from New York where she has been taking the teachers' course at the New York School of Music and Art.

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H. Moore has returned home after visiting friends in Chatham.

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Mrs. Wagner of Chatham is visiting friends in the city.

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Miss Florence of this city is visiting Mrs. Burt of Chatham.

HYDRO EXPORTATION SCHEME UNKNOWN TO TORONTO OFFICIALS

Declare That Beck May Know, But They Don't.

INTERESTING SIDELIGHTS

U. S. Sale Question One Urged As Power Consumer In Past Here.

Because Sir Adam Beck is away in Montreal and because Sir Adam Beck is apparently the only man who knows anything about it at all, the power exportation scheme at Windsor seems very much in status quo at present. Dispatches from Toronto credit officials of the provincial hydro power commission with knowing absolutely nothing about the exportation of Niagara power to the American side at Windsor-Detroit when Western Ontario is feeling the "pinch" through hydro breakdowns and failures to meet all demands.

Statements given out at the office of the hydro commission, Toronto, on Monday absolutely deny any knowledge of the deal which was brought to light through the insertion in American papers at Detroit of ads inviting stock contributions in a company to distribute hydro-electric power from Niagara Falls to Detroit. Bonus of stock in the electric distribution company to be located at Windsor was promised in these ads.

Scheme Formerly Boosted.

Anyone who has followed the somewhat varied career of hydro-electric development in Western Ontario will recall the eagerness with which power exportation privileges were sought some few years ago. At that time the sales to the United States, through the medium of Windsor, were heralded as an excellent scheme to add to the sale of hydro. The argument of augmented consumption from the American side was used in connection with the construction of the high tension lines that now extend from London to the Detroit River.

To say that the announcement that an American concern was advertising that it would distribute Niagara power at Detroit caused interest in London is putting it most mildly. Sir Adam Beck's phone was kept busy on Monday, but that gentleman was away in Montreal.

What Telegram Says.

As much satisfaction could be secured locally on the question as that given in Toronto.

Referring to the satisfaction there the following speaks for itself. It is taken from the Toronto Evening Telegram, the strongest journalistic support of Beck in the Queen City:

"We don't know anything about it," said an official when shown the dispatch. "Sir Adam Beck is down at the seashore for the week-end, and if there is any such scheme in his head he has never transmitted it to us.

"This is not the first time that reports of this kind have been received. The matter has been bobbing up for a year back, but all I can say is we don't know anything about it.

"A few years ago there was an entirely different project under way. That was to bring power across from the Edison plant at Detroit and distribute it at Windsor. Sir James Whitney was alive then, and a wire from him to the provincial police quickly put an end to that."

Asked if the advertised company had in view the securing of a supply of hydro power when the new Chippewa scheme had been worked out, the official threw up his hands. "I don't know anything about it," he repeated. "Anyway, that couldn't work out for three years yet."

CIRCUS MAN BAGGED WHILE LOOTING A CAR

Italian Railway Construction Men Catch Him in Act.

[Special to The Advertiser.]

GALT, Aug. 28.—Wm. Venders, a former employee of the La Tena circus and who gives his home as Altonia, Penn., was arrested Saturday evening in a boarding car at the C. P. R. depot, in which he was caught stealing. The occupants of the car, Italians, were down town purchasing and Venders was making a regular clean-up.

He had a grip full of clothing, was wearing stolen overalls and shirt, had an overcoat, nine tins of smoking tobacco, a razor strop, knife and keys. He pleaded guilty to stealing the tobacco, strop, knife and keys and was remanded for a week, so that his record can be looked up.

BRUSSELS SUNDAY SCHOOL WILL PICNIC LABOR DAY

BRUSSELS, Aug. 28.—On Labor Day a Sunday school picnic will be held in the Davidson grove, under the auspices of the Methodist Church. A good program has been arranged.

A delegation of Red Cross ladies will attend a county gathering at Clinton on Labor Day to plan for future work.

Rev. G. J. Kerr of Gorrie, preached in the Methodist Church here Sunday morning and took charge of the anniversary services at Cranbrook in the afternoon and evening.

DEATH OF GEORGE BURLEY.

RIDGETOWN, Aug. 28. — James George Burley died at his home, James street, last night in his 59th year. He had been ill for about three weeks, during which time he was a patient sufferer. Mr. Burley came to Ridgetown with his family from Selton about five years ago, and was the first to drive the rural mail route out of Ridgetown, which position he held at the time of his death. He is survived by his wife and four daughters, Miss Clara at Port Dalhousie; Miss Rosa at London and Theresa and Minnie at home. The funeral will take place tomorrow at 2:30 p.m., with service at the house and interment in Greenwood Cemetery.

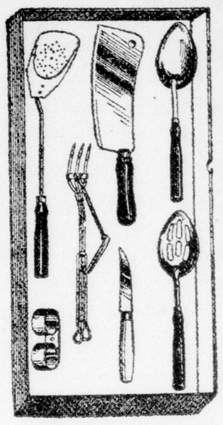
"SOME" YARN THIS.

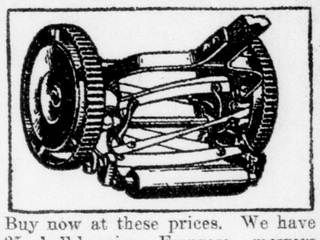
[Canadian Press.]

New York, Aug. 29.—An Associated Press dispatch from Boston today says:

"Aeroplane on the port bow, destroying a submarine," was the cry from the lookout on the Wilson Liner Colorado a few days ago during the voyage from Hull, England, which gave officers and men an opportunity to witness what they described here today, as a stirring battle in mid-ocean. Some of those aboard said they saw first what appeared to be sails or wings flapping up and down, as if a great b'rd were swooping to attack an object below. Rising from the water during the brief lulls in the attack, a long, black, rounded body appeared. For a time the spectators believed the lookout's statement was correct, but closer approach they said showed that the figures were those of a great albatross or a sea monster, with large fins, and a whale. The whale, they declared, was killed.

Lawn Mowers Will Be at a Premium Next Year





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FIRE SUFFERERS' RELIEF COMING IN WELL IN CITY

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MORE COMING IN NOW

Cool Weather Increases Standard of Shipments From London.

Members of the executive and relief committee of the Women's Canadian Club are delighted over the generous response which is being made to the appeal for clothing, etc., for the fire sufferers in New Ontario.

Eleven large cases of clothing, quilts, towels, pillowcases and blankets have been shipped while a good start has been made in the past day or so towards a further shipment.

Mrs. McLean, president of the Women's Canadian Club, stated today that the cooler weather has revealed an even greater interest in providing for the sufferers than the hot weather immediately after the fire. Possibly this is due in a measure to the fact that housekeepers have more energy to hunt up and repair the clothing they wish to pass along.

The supplies sent in to the headquarters in the basement of Wesley Hall have been in excellent condition, clean, and many of them almost new.

Probably with the return to the city of the many people who have been away at their summer home or otherwise holidaying, the contributions to date will be very largely augmented.

A member of the relief committee reminds the housekeepers of London that a splendid start towards the fall setting of the house in order will be to sort out and pass along all garments and household supplies not really needed, and which will prove a boon to sister women in the north who have lost their all. All parcels intended for fire relief should be left in the basement of Wesley Hall, in the headquarters. The janitor of the church is there all the time, and has been most kind in looking after the bundles left, and in giving directions to contributors. Parcels should be distinctly marked "New Ontario."

AGED LADY'S KNITTING FALLS ONTO FEET OF FIGHTER FROM HOME

[Special to The Advertiser.]

TILLSONBURG, Aug. 28.—Mrs. Smiley of Otterville has knitted over seventy pairs of socks for the boys in the trenches, notwithstanding her advanced age. In the last few pairs she placed little notes, asking the recipients to acknowledge the receipt of them in some way. Much to her surprise she received a card from Wyn Christie of the 91st Battalion, a former well-known Tillsonburg shoe merchant, in which he expressed his thanks and also told her how much the boys appreciate the efforts of the ladies at home, who are "doing their bit" to make the soldiers comfortable.

HONEY IS SUPERIOR.

WABASH, Aug. 28.—There are a number of bee owners in this section who find that their honey supply exceeds that of a good many years, both in quantity and quality. The honey is exceptionally white and the comb tender and flaky. This superior quality is due in some extent to the excellent fields of blossomed buckwheat, in which hundreds of bees are revelling.

PREPARE FOR RECEPTION.

SARNIA, Aug. 28. — In anticipation of large crowds on Thursday evening next, when all returned soldiers will receive the official welcome, the local police are making arrangements to handle the crowds, and two or three of the officers will be provided with horses, which will enable them to cover more territory, and will lighten their labors.

MAY BE CALLED "GAS KING."

STRATFORD, Aug. 28.—J. P. King of the Stratford Gas Company was honored by being elected president of the Canadian Gas Association at the annual meeting held at Quebec City on August 16 and 17. J. M. H. Young of London was elected 1st vice-president, W. Folger of Kingston 2nd vice-president, and G. W. Allen of Toronto secretary-treasurer.

WABASH, Aug. 28.—Miss Mida Hewitte of Listowel, who has been engaged as teacher of the Wabash public school, has been granted an extension of time by the trustees. During the vacation she has been completing a two years' course at the Toronto Art College, and on September 9 will write on her final examination. For this reason the Wabash school will not reopen until Monday, September 11.

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MACHINE GUN MAN OF 70TH IS WOUNDED

WABASH, Aug. 28.—Mr. and Mrs. John B. Snarey of Croton received official announcement that their son, Pte. Grant Snarey, was wounded. Pte. Snarey, who went overseas with the 70th Battalion, was one of the operators of the large machine guns, and was sent directly to the front after landing.

PORT STANLEY.

PORT STANLEY, Aug. 28.—Thanksgiving services were held in Christ Church Sunday, Rev. O. Thorne of Glanworth officiating at both services.

Pte. Lawrence Story of the Canadian West is home on furlough, and left on Saturday accompanied by his aunt, Mrs. Mary Goodhue, to visit his sisters, Mrs. Wm. King and Miss Hattie Storey, at Aylmer.

George Wilson of Riverdale, Mich., is visiting relatives in town.

Miss Vera Price, who spent the past month the guest of Mr. and Mrs. John Price, will leave on Tuesday for her home in Michigan.

Madeline Goodhue of St. Thomas is visiting her aunt, Mrs. Mark Berry.

Mrs. Gorman and daughters of London are guests of T. Morgan.

Mr. Herrington of Sparta was a caller in town on Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. D. Baldwin spent the week-end out of town.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Hepburn, who were so painfully injured in an auto accident last week, are improving slowly. Nurse Lyle of St. Thomas is in attendance.

Mrs. Zetts spent the week-end at her home here, returning to Port Burwell Sunday evening.

YACHT BURNS UP.

SARNIA, Aug. 28.—Four men narrowly escaped death when the auxiliary yacht Lulu, owned at Sault Ste. Marie, caught fire in Lake Huron early Sunday morning, and burned to the water's edge. They made their way to Sarnia in the dinghy tender. In attempting to locate a leak in the gasoline line, by the use of a candle an explosion was caused in the bow of the boat.

The four men are: Clyde Foster, Lorne Johnson, James Patterson and John Campbell. The loss will be about $4,000.

LAMBETH.

LAMBETH, Aug. 28.—Mrs. Charles Walker spent the week-end with Miss Walker, Thorndale.

Miss Grace Shepherd left Monday to visit her mother in Clinton, having spent a pleasant three weeks with Mrs. J. W. Woodhull.

Mrs. S. Goodridge left today for her home in Toronto, having been the guest of Mrs. W. Coldecott for a few weeks.

Professor Harry Heard of Detroit and his sister Annie of St. Thomas were visitors with Mrs. A. Routledge on Sunday.

Miss Hope Finch is visiting friends in London.

Mr. and Mrs. Art Mann spent Sunday with Mrs. Henry Mann.

Miss Ethel Zavitz left on Monday to make her home with her aunt in Cass City, Mich.

Miss Campbell of Talbotville spent the week-end with Miss Josie Campbell.

Rev. Will and Mrs. Collycott spent Sunday with the latter's brother, Will Andrews.

Roy Davidson is visiting friends at his old home at Cottam.

Mr. and Mrs. Fenby of Cairo returned to their home on Sunday, accompanied by Mrs. M. Vandelinder.