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### CURATOR'S HOME BANK REPORT DUE WEDNESDAY

Director Gough Says Advance Payment of 25 Per Cent. Coming To Depositors.

### GOVERNMENT PROBE IS BEING DISCUSSED

Nothing of This Will Be Announced Till Curator's Report Is Out.

MONTREAL, Oct. 1.—(By Canadian Press)—Interviewed this morning in regard to the Home Bank of Canada, Sir Frederick Williams-Taylor, manager of the Bank of Montreal and president of the Canadian Bankers' Association, issued the following statement:

"The bankers of Canada at large have not definitely agreed to undertake to advance to the curator the funds required by an assignment of the Home Bank. On the other hand, they have favorably considered the matter and may probably make an advance if and when the legal formalities have been satisfied."

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It is pointed out by banking authorities that this does not offer any indication of the Home Bank's position. It does, however, indicate that the assets will amount to a sum well in excess of the advance that may be made.

Reports that loans to subdivisions speculators, to men interested in the New Orleans street railway and to Montreal running interests were responsible for much of the bank's losses, cannot be confirmed from any authorized source here.

In regard to the ownership of the steamship Palponge and Vaudreuil, said to have some connection with the Home Bank, the Montreal register of shipping shows that the vessel is owned by the British Dominion Holding and Investment Corporation, with address at room 207A, 129 St. James street, this city. This room was occupied by the Union of Canadian Municipalities and the industrial exhibition committee and was apparently available for "desk" room for temporary occupation. The corporation have left that address and cannot now be located. It is surmised Continued on Page Fifteen.

### BOARD ESTIMATES WON'T BE READY

Trustees Not Complying With Mayor Wenige's Order. PROPOSAL IS CONDEMNED

Believe It Would Be Illegal To Arrange Outlays.

It is not likely that the Board of Education will have its estimates for 1924 ready by November, as requested recently by Mayor Wenige. At the present time no one in school board circles is worrying very much about the matter although the mayor's request was received in the usual manner at the last board meeting. It was fled for future reference and as there is only a month available now for consideration of the proposal, it is not likely that any action will be taken.

In any event, members of the board point out, it would be illegal for the 1923 Board of Education to arrange any of the expenditures for the incoming trustees. While not wishing to be quoted on the subject, one or two of the members are particularly outspoken in their condemnation of such a proposal.

On the other hand, the rules and regulations of the Board of Education stipulate that the year's estimates shall be considered and submitted to the City Council early in February of each year. The trustees admit that this might be amended, but they draw attention to the fact that it is illegal for the retiring board to map out a year's work for a new board of management.

In view of the general opinion that exists among the officials and members, therefore, it is not likely that the mayor's request will receive much consideration and it is quite certain that there will be no 1924 estimates by November 1.

### MUMPS CAUSE 3 DEATHS IN FAMILY AT CLARENDON

Father, Worn Out Caring For Two Little Sons, Succumbs.

Special to London Free Press. KINGSTON, Oct. 1.—Death claimed three members of a family at Clarendon, in Frontenac County, within a very sad state of affairs in the home. When the doctor asked for a shroud, the state the deaths were due to mumps. On Monday last, Rossa, aged 11 years, son of Arthur White, passed away and another son Willie, aged 6 died on Friday, while the death of the father, Arthur White took place on Sunday. Just one little girl is left in the home.

### Famous Fire Engine Leaves Force

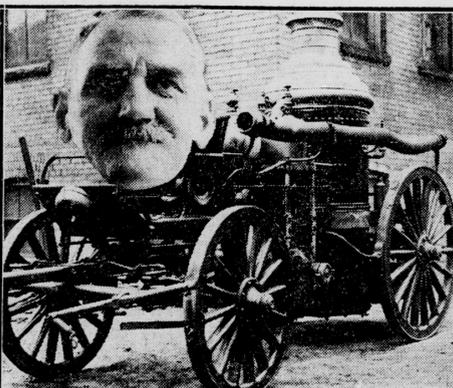


Photo by The Free Press Camera Man.

"Phoenix," gallant relic of former years, taken about city before going to Woodstock. Inset is Lieut. G. D. Bolton, who has been in charge of the faithful machine since it was first secured. He feels a sense of personal loss in losing his inanimate chum which, to him, seems endowed with heroic life.

### Oldest Fire Engine In London Is Taken On a Farewell Tour of City

"Phoenix," For 20 Years In Lieut. Bolton's Care, Is a Part of City's History Made By Great Fires When Lives Were Saved and Lost.

Londoners around the main streets of the city to-day were attracted by the appearance of an adjunct of the fire department being pulled around the city's principal thoroughfares in the shape of the "Phoenix," the old fire engine which saw 20 years of service with London's fire forces.

The old fire engine and Lieut. G. D. Bolton, its operator during the many long years it answered the call of the alarm bell, which belatedly not only the presence of danger to property, but danger to a thing more precious, in the shape of human life, have histories which would make apt material for the most thrilling motion picture or stage play that ever graced the screen or stage in any other city.

**SAVED LIVES.** In the 20 years it was in operation as an adjunct of the fire department here it has been drawn by husky horses on a mission of fire extinguishment and it has assisted in saving much property and human life. It pumped fire's material enemy into the burning Collegiate Institute when that structure fell prey to the flames in April, 1920; it supplied added pressure for the blaze which destroyed lively stables in the rear of the Fairview Laundry, in which several horses met an untimely end, and it pumped water into the Westman building, on Dundas street, in August, 1908, when the late Fire Chief Clarke, Fireman Henry Wein and Sgt.-Major Cockburn met death in the water-flooded basement of the building.

In the latter conflagration the ultimate use of the "Phoenix" was two-fold. After gallons upon gallons of water had passed through its cylinders into the blazing inferno, the intake hose was placed in the basement after the three men had been trapped and the water was sucked out again in the work of rescuing the trio who had bravely volunteered to enter the blazing building to carry a line of hose in the hopes of it having greater effect from the interior.

When the floors of the structure crashed the three men were held in one corner of the basement, in water up to their hips and rising. In an effort to bring them down, Lieut. Bolton, forced against their meeting a watery gate, the intake hose of the "Phoenix" was placed in the basement and the old engine, which had been hauled down from the floors above into the lower portions of the building where the three men were buried.

The efforts of the old engine and its operator were futile. Though they did their duty faithfully and well and the rising water had receded sufficiently to allow rescuers to extricate the men, the dead bodies of the latter only were recovered.

The "Phoenix" was recently sold by the City Council to the Bleckie Company, of Woodstock, and is soon to leave its present abode within the precincts of the fire department to be made over into a new and up-to-date machine. But its departure will occasion in the breast of Lieut. Bolton a twinge of sorrow at the loss of a chum which, to him, seems endowed with heroic life.

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### EMPIRE'S PREMIERS IN SESSION AT LONDON

Imperial Conference Opens First Day's Meeting At No. 10 Downing Street.

### ATTITUDE OF CANADA TO BE CLOSELY WATCHED

International Finance and Unemployment Two of Biggest Questions.

BY GEORGE HAMBLETON. Canadian Press Staff Correspondent.

LONDON, Oct. 1.—In the small Cabinet room at No. 10 Downing street the premiers from the four corners of the empire met this morning for the opening of the Imperial conference. It was a tentative of the changing scenes in politics that of those present this morning only two, Premier Smuts, of South Africa, and Premier Massey, of New Zealand, were in attendance at the Imperial conference of premiers a couple of years ago.

Premier Stanley Baldwin and the Duke of Devonshire, colonial secretary, were there to-day representing Great Britain; Premier Mackenzie King represented Canada; Hon. W. B. Watson, who recently became premier of New Zealand, represented that country. The Irish Free State, which makes its first appearance at an Imperial conference, is represented by President W. T. Cosgrave. India, which has not yet attained full Dominion status, is represented by Viscount Peel, secretary of state for India; the Maharajah of Alwar, who himself rules over 1,000,000 people, and Sir Tej. Bahadur Sapru, Indian member of the League of Nations, are also present.

**MASSEY IS THE DEAN.** Premier Massey, of New Zealand, is the doyen of the conference. W. G. Ormsby Gore, undersecretary for the colonies, was at the conference opening in behalf of the crown colonies and protectorates. Premier Stanley M. Bruce, of Australia, is the only premier who was not present at the opening. He is expected in London on Thursday.

It was at first thought that Premier Baldwin would seize the opportunity of the opening of the conference to make the long expected announcement as to the reported new entente with France and negotiations with Premier Poincare over reparations in the Ruhr. However, it is believed that the early days of the conference will be devoted to the preliminary work of organization work. In all probability the recent developments in foreign relations will not be the subject of discussion until the meeting on Friday.

Foreign relations and plans for the development of trade, from the present on to the Rhine. The rest of the conference will be devoted to the consideration of the long agenda before the conference, which probably will be in session in the British Parliament meets, November 13.

The Imperial conference, which will open to-morrow, apparently will be attended by every member of a committee of the main conference on economic questions. The economic conference will appoint sub-committees to study the various items on the agenda, but the questions of principle, such as the suggested extension of the League of Nations, will be discussed on Friday.

**'U' OPENED WITH RECORD CLASSES** Registration At Western Equal To Any Former Year.

UPPER FORMS ORGANIZED Percentage of Women Growing In Arts Course.

The University of Western Ontario began its first year under that name to-day with registration equalling any former record of the Western University. It is believed that Western will this year be the only institution of higher learning in Canada without falling in attendance.

To-day's registrations were devoted almost entirely to former students. The upper classes are back almost to a man. Last year's freshmen are believed to be on the verge of achieving a record in return attendance. By noon it was believed that every member of Art '26 will be on the job for lectures on Tuesday morning.

It is also believed that in the arts department the percentage of women students is growing. Without the medicals, the women students are in the majority.

Medical school attendance is up to standard. In that institution only so many are admitted each year. Some of the past year's waiting list have found places for the opening term of 1923-24.

Lectures in the arts, medicine, theological and Institute of Public Health facilities start to-morrow. Most of the day, however, will be devoted to registration.

The need of dormitories for men is being emphasized. Many of the new students find it difficult to get suitable quarters near the university at an economical rate.

### Professor To Try Effect of Tierce Drug On Himself

BERKELEY, Calif., Oct. 1.—The reaction of a drug known as "Tierce" reputed to "unchain fierce impulses of the subconscious mind and transform its user into a raging savage, hereof of timidity, fear, or the veneer of civilization," upon a university professor is to be tested by Dr. Albert Schneider, lecturer at the University of California. The new drug is said to have been obtained from savage tribes inhabiting the Jungles at the head waters of the Amazon. Dr. Schneider declared he intended to take some of the serum soon after his return to his home in Portland, and later give to the world the story of his sensations.

### Re-Elected Chairman of Anglican Clerical Body.

Very Rev. Dean Tucker was unanimously re-elected president of the London Anglican Clerical Association at the first all meeting of that body held to-day. Rev. Quintin Warner was returned as vice-president and Rev. H. E. Bray will again assume the position of secretary-treasurer.

Following the lead of the Methodist Ministerial Association, it was decided to try out the plan of holding the monthly meetings of the body on the afternoon instead of the morning of the first Monday of each month.

The program committee reported on the East Middlesex Deanery meetings, which are to be held within the coming season, and the rural dean, Rev. Mr. Warner, was instructed to proceed with the arrangements.

**FINANCIAL STATEMENT.** According to the treasurer's report which was presented to the meeting, the financial status of the association is in a very satisfactory condition. A substantial balance is on the credit side of the ledger.

The paper of the day was given by Rev. Prof. Frank Anderson and dealt with the "Apostolic Age." It was the first of a series of historical papers which will be given to the association during the coming season. The speaker dealt in a scholarly and interesting manner with the great influences which heathen religions had made on the world, and he then traced the effect down to the times of Christianity.

Very Rev. Dean Tucker occupied the chair and there was a large attendance of local and district clergy.

### 'JOHN DOE' REVEALS IDENTITY TO DOCTOR

Mystery Man Admits He Came From Detroit To This City.

London's John Doe is John Doe no longer. On Saturday, when he appeared in police court following his arrest after he had entertained residents of Wharncliffe road with his singing and dancing, he maintained a stoic silence and refused to divulge his name. To Dr. J. D. Wilson, who made an examination of the prisoner, however, he revealed his identity and gave his name as Corrado Ferdinando. His address he gave as 8789 Joseph Campeau avenue, Detroit. He is an Italian and 23 years of age.

Ferdinando, after his arraignment in police court the latter end of last week, was placed on remand and it is not expected that he will be brought before the magistrate again for a few days. It is likely that he will be deported to the United States after it has been definitely ascertained that he is mentally unbalanced and his manner of entertainment presents a good appearance.

### OUTBREAK NOT FAR FROM BERLIN

German Troops Ordered To Suppress Revolt Ruthlessly.

LONDON, Oct. 1.—The revolutionary movement, originated by nationalist organizations has broken out at Kues-trin, 50 miles from Berlin, says a Reuter dispatch from the German capital. The insurgents attempted to disarm the garrison and occupy the fortress, but the commander of the Reichwehr arrested the nationalist leaders and drove back the attackers.

Detachments of Reichwehr from neighboring towns have been summoned to Kues-trin, the dispatch adds, and the troops have been ordered to suppress the revolt ruthlessly. As a result of the insurrection Dr. Hoesler, the minister of defense, has imposed a censorship on all news of a military character.

Kues-trin is a city of approximately 2,000 inhabitants, and is located in Brandenburg. The chief industries are the manufacture of copper and brass ware.

**NEWS IS CENSORED.** Censorship has been imposed on all military news sent from Germany. The cause of yesterday's outbreak in Dues-seldorf is variously described. The pro-French reports representing action of the green and black police as an unprovoked instance of "typical Prussian brutality." Other correspondents say that the firing began some time before the police arrived on the scene. These writers attribute it to the communists, but hold the separatist themselves largely responsible, asserting that they completely lost their heads and fired indiscriminately. All accounts concur Continued on Page Eighteen.

### Leaves Department



WILLIAM WYLIE, who has resigned from city fire department.

### VINING IS MENTIONED FOR MAYOR OF LONDON

Chairman of Utilities Commission May Enter Election Lists With Wenige.

### RUN AS CHAMPION OF PUBLIC OWNERSHIP

Liberal In Politics, His Election Would Have Bearing On Federal Race.

Another new mayoralty star has appeared on the horizon within the last few days and the wise men of the city are watching that star with evident interest. Jared Vining, a member of the Public Utilities Commission for quite a number of years and chairman of that body this year, is the one who is being picked in certain circles to oppose Mayor Wenige in the coming municipal contest. Whether Mr. Vining will come out or not is not known, but he has been tentatively approached on the question. It is intimated that under certain conditions he might allow his name to go before the electors on the mayoralty ballot. If he comes out at all he will probably come as a champion of public ownership as opposed to private control and operation of public utilities.

While this proposition is being discussed in a few news circles only as yet it was learned from an authoritative source that the Liberal party would quite pleased if Mr. Vining would enter the race. His name was freely mentioned in connection with the recent provincial election as a possible Liberal standard-bearer in this riding, and he still looked upon as one who might be acceptable to the party as a representative in either the provincial or federal elections of the future.

**STANDARD-BEARER.** If Mr. Vining comes out he will probably overshadow Mayor Wenige in a competition for the position of Liberal standard-bearer in this riding, and the election. This is the opinion one hears freely expressed to-day. Mayor Wenige has been looked upon as a possibility for Liberal honors in the next provincial contest since he was nominated at the convention held in Hyman Hall preceding the provincial contest of this year. But there are quite a number in the Liberal camp who quite freely state that he would not be accepted by the party as a whole.

The mayor is championed more or less among the anti-public ownership members of the Liberal party, while the public ownership faction of that party would be expected to support Mr. Vining in any contest.

One prominent Liberal, who did not wish his name mentioned at this time but who has been and is even now considered as one of the leaders of Liberalism in this city, declared that the fight for the mayor's chair was a contest on public ownership lines. While he referred to the politics of Mr. Vining, and he intimated that the majority of Liberals would support him, he intimated that the campaign would hinge almost entirely on the question of public ownership of the London Street Railway Company. Referring again to the fact that some people are evidently attempting to make an election a political issue, he declared that one of the prominent Conservatives of the city had first suggested Mr. Vining's name to him. This proves to him that there is not so much danger of politics being brought into the play as some people would bring this to believe.

### ONE KILLED, THREE HURT IN AUTO ACCIDENT

MONTREAL, Oct. 1.—Onesme Brasscott, 35, was killed and three were injured when an automobile was struck by the Landreville road, a mile and a half from Valleyfield on Saturday afternoon. News of the accident was brought to Valleyfield when Magger, one of the injured, staggered into the office of a doctor and asked for assistance. All the injured belonged to Valleyfield.

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### REFUNDING LOAN MEETS GENEROUS RESPONSE

Objective of \$172,000,000 Reached At 11 o'Clock This Morning.

LONDON AND DISTRICT PURCHASED LARGE BLOCKS About Seventy-Five Per Cent. of Sales Were For Cash.

According to bond brokers, the subscription of London and district to the Dominion of Canada refunding loan lies somewhere between \$10,000,000 and \$15,000,000. While a generous response was anticipated, the subscriptions have far exceeded expectations. Of the amount described in the city, actual cash donations amount to 75 per cent. of the total, which itself speaks volumes for the timeliness of the offering. The bonus was offered on maturing bonds, only 25 per cent. of the subscription came from their version.

**OBJECTIVE REACHED.** At 11 o'clock this morning the syndicate managers announced that the objective had been reached. This means that in a week \$172,000,000 has been poured into the national coffers. Not has the proposition found favor only in Canadian circles, for large financial institutions across the border have been quick to take advantage of the offer. Something over 20 special notations, involving over one-quarter of the entire amount, were received from organizations financially able to embrace this opportunity of investment.

### MAY UNITE LOCAL CADET COMPANIES

Formation of Highland School Corps Is Considered. UNIFORMED IN KILTS Would Be First Organization of Kind In Canada.

Cadet companies of the London Collegiate Institutes and the organized corps of the London Technical School, may shortly be made the First Highland School Cadet Corps in Canada. Lieut.-Col. Gillespie, inspector of cadets in this district, stated to-day that with the co-operation of Principals Milne and Beal with the Caledonia Society he is endeavoring to get the scheme under way at the earliest date possible.

If organized, and the inspector believes it will be, the units will be uniformed in kilts, sporrans, leggings and all the rest of the Highland soldier's accoutrement for parade will be furnished.

The companies, too, will be led by pipers and there is every reason to believe that the Highland School Cadet Corps will become one of the most popular organizations in the city.

### Try Murrell



JUDGE W. H. WRIGHT, Owen Sound recently appointed judge of the Supreme Court of Ontario, who, it is expected, will preside at the fall assizes when Sydney Ernest Murrell will be tried on a charge of murder.

### TWO LEAVE LOCAL FIRE DEPARTMENT

Other Positions Attract City's Stalwarts.

RESIGNATIONS ACCEPTED Edgar House and William Wylie Leave the Force.

Resignations of two members of London's fire fighting force have been tendered and accepted, one already having taken effect and the other to be effective on October 15. The men leaving the employ of the city are Fireman Edgar House, who has been with the fire department since May, and Fireman W. Wylie, who has served the city with distinction during his 10 years of service in extinguishing fires of various sizes and natures.

Fireman House has already left the employ of the department, and though he has not definitely announced his plans for the future, he intimates that he will resume his trade which he followed prior to his comparatively brief period with the firemen of London.

**IN POOR HEALTH.** Declining health is the reason Fireman Wylie attributes for his departure from amongst associates with whom he has developed a warm friendship during the ten and a half years he has served under Fire Chief Aitken in extinguishing conflagrations here. Like his fellow fireman, he intends leaving the work of blaze extinction to pursue another calling in which he believes greater opportunities are to be found.

After casting his gaze over other fields Fireman Wylie's eye has rested on the automobile industry, and his prospective plans, it has been ascertained, will lead him in the direction of Flint, Mich.

Both firemen depart with the esteem and good wishes of their associates for a bright future. Fireman House has already donned civilian clothes, while Fireman Wylie will cast aside his fireman's uniform on October 15.

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### THE WEATHER

FINE. PROBABILITIES. Moderate north-westerly winds, fine to-day and on Tuesday, not much change in temperature.

NOTES. The tropical storm which was near Bermuda yesterday, is now centered near Sable Island and a pronounced area of high pressure is falling in the Maritime Provinces. Elsewhere in the Dominion the weather is fine.

TEMPERATURES. The following are the highest and lowest temperatures taken between 8 p. m. and 8 a. m.:

Stations.	High.	Low.	Clear.
LONDON	59	43	Clear
Victoria	70	54	Clear
Calgary	68	28	Clear
Winnipeg	64	28	Clear
Port Arthur	60	28	Fair
Perry Sound	54	40	Clear
Toronto	56	40	Clear
Kingston	56	42	Cloudy
Ottawa	56	44	Fair
Montreal	52	48	Clear
Quebec	54	46	Cloudy
St. John	56	38	Rain
Halifax	60	48	Rain



"Zimmie"

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