# Trans-Canada Theatres In Voluntary Liquidation

DR. BRITTAIN STARTS ON ANOTHER CIVIC SURVEY

This Morning He Commenced Work in Assessment Department.

POLICE IS NEXT Investigation of Force Will Not Be in Nature of Judicial Inquiry.

Dr. Horace Brittain, head of the Citizens' Research Bureau of Canada, personally undertook at 9:30 a.m. today a survey of the city asessment department. And the project is still in progress. Excellent results are anticipated.

In fact, the procedure is not in the

ature of an "investigation," but just general survey of the system. Dr. Brittain and Assessment Comssioner Bennett spent the greater portion of this morning going over he assessment rolls and other nendations are expected. In fact, commissioner and his staff appear quite pleased with the prospects of the survey, pointing out that there every chance that certain filing and index systems that they have nad in mind for the betterment of

Not a Probe. To The Advertiser Dr. Brittain de-clared most emphatically that the "survey" of the police department was not a "probe."
"It will be a general administrative

the office will now be permissible.

"It will be a general administrative survey and not a judicial inquiry into the rights of persons," he said, when The Advertiser asked him if the undertaking would cover in any manner whatever the oft-repeated charges in the city council about the "petty persecution of citizens."

It is assumed from Dr. Brittain's remarks that the latter phase of the situation will not be considered by his staff unless something of that nature is encountered which would tend to affect the efficiency of the

Visits Station. Robert Birrell, the head of the bu-reau, conducted an introductory sur-vey of the department this afternoon.

The Advertiser today. "I believe that we are wasting our money."
"Do you think this survey you think this survey of the department will be of much advantage?" he was asked.

responded the ex-chairman of the board of works in his most vehement manner. "I can't see the use of it, We are just having it, I because the mayor wants it

### **NEW SCHOOL OFFICIAL** TO COMMENCE JULY 15

Board Requests Marcus Sims To Begin Duties at an Earlier Date.

Marcus M. Sims, the newlyappointed attendance and vocational officer of the board of education, has been asked by the board to begin his duties on July 15, in place of Aug, 1, as was at first suggested. This is the result of a feeling on the part of the board and also of Mr. Sims, that it

### THE WEATHER

Light to moderate winds or partly fair today and on Saturday, with some local showers or thunderstorms.

Pressure distribution has not changed much since yesterday morning, the barometer being lowest in the western provinces and highest over the south Atlantic states. Showers have occurred in many portions of the western provinces, also in Ontario and western Quebec.

Stations— High Low Weather Victoria ...... 64 50 Pair

LOCAL TEMPERATURES.

The highest and lowest temperatures recorded in London during the 24 hours previous to 8 o'clock last night were: Highest, 80; lowest, 53. The official temperatures for the 12 hours previous to 8 a.m. today were: Highest, 67; lowest, 61. Barometric Readings.
Thursday—8 p.m.—29.28.
Today—8 a.m.—29.27.



ALD. ALBERT JUDD. branches of the department, and Chairman of finance committee, who selves, the aldermen, Frank McKay some helpful and important recom-will be chairman of newly-appointed Albert Judd, and George Burdick

Youth Fails To Meet Government Levy and Court Fixes Penalty.

REFUSED LETTERS

Steered Clear of Everything That Bore an Official Stamp.

That it is a rather dangerous practice for an individual to ignore govrey of the department this afternoon. It leaves the city either tonight or mail concerns the payment of federal secured, well fitted for the purposes his staff will continue with the detail income tax, was proven recently, they are to serve. work in his absence.

"This police investigation is just like tossing money out of the window." Ald. William Wilson, member of the finance committee, informed to the state of when a young, single man residing in fined \$50 and costs for failure to pay has not yet appeared on the horizon, his income tax, which amounted to but Judge Warner wears a serrain

less than five dollars. The youth in the case was assessed calendar which how reposes upon his for his tax in 1920, and he filed a return, but didn't pay. In 1921 he neglected to file his return at all, and received requests at different times court furnishings is as yet anonyfrom the district office to settle his mous, but Judge Warner declares he

After a short time had elapsed, he became quite familiar with the appearance of a department of finance envelope, and so when he went to the postoffice for his mail at various times he refused to accept any mattimes he refused to accept any mat-ter that evidently was an official porter and add a Union Jack to the

The delinquent taxpayer evidently thought he had the laugh on the government, and he was indeed surprised when he was haled into court and relieved of about 360 and or-

and relieved of about 360 and ordered to pay his tax.
"I suppose that young man thought that he could forward the excuse of not having received his mail, but the game didn't work, and he was caught," Commissioner George Tambling commented this morning. "It ought to be a lesson to everybody to accent government mail no. body to accept government mail, no matter what it contains."

### WINDSOR CHILD IS KILLED, HIT BY CAR IN OTTAWA

## COSTS OF COUR

Mayor Wenige Names Com-mittee After Conference With Judge Warner.

REPORT TO COUNCIL

Expect Court Expenses This Year Will Approach \$3,000 Mark.

Acting in accordance with the methods followed by the juvenile court of Toronto, over which Judge Mott presides, Mayor Wenige this morning, after a conference with Rev. G. Q. Warner, judge of London juvenile court, appointed three members of the city council, to act as a consulting committee regarding expenditures in connection with the court. To eliminate the necessity of re-ports from the court officials themwill from time to time examine list of court expenditures, and make an official report to council sessions In this manner, it is expected that the city council will be in a better position to gauge the annual main-tenance required for the proper con-

ducting of the juvenile court. Will Cost \$3,000. The amount of \$2,000 was grante by the 1923 council for purposes of maintenance, but it was learnt from the conference between Judge Warthe conference between Judge War-ner and the rayor this morning that the expenditures this year will be nearer the \$3,000 mark, as certain sums have been expended for per-manent fixtures, which will, however, not be needed another year. It is now three weeks since the court of fices were completed, but during that time fifty cases have been dealt with, an announcement from Judge Warne; which caused a certain amount of surprise and gratification on the part

No Union Jack Yet.

A Union Jack for the juvenile court ess than five dollars. smile as he gazes upon a certain. The youth in the case was assessed calendar which now reposes upon his lays his gratitude at the feet of on

### BY BRITISH SCULLER

Champion of Canada Eliminated by Gollan-Conqueror of Hoover.

pecial Cable to The London Advertiser Henley, Eng., July 6. — Hilton Belyea, sculling champion of Canada, new officer into the activities that lie before him, and to allow him to get thoroughly acquainted with the filing system of the office.

The new member of the educational staff in London will work in conjunction with Mr. Beal, the principal of the Technical School. This will give a more co-ordinated service, it is pointed out, and will allow Mr. Sims and the Technical School officials to the work.

Canadian Press Despatch.

Ottawa, July 6.—William McBrido regatta today by D. H. L. Gollan, deaf and dumb British sculler, conqueror of Walter Hoover, American world's champion. The race was the staff in London will work in conjunction with Mr. Beal, the principal of the Technical School officials to co-operate in the vocational part of the work.



ON JUVENILE COURT COMMITTEE. Ald. Frank McKay (left) and Ald. Geo. Burdick (right), who, with



IN CHARGE AT CADET CAMP.

These are the men to whom the credit for the success of the cadet camp held at Carling Heights is due. The consensus of opinion of those who visited the camp and the officers in charge is that it was the finest yet held in Western Ontario. Some 750 boys were under canvas for six or feel that they have chosen a law-seven days. This picture, posed for The Advertiser, shows, from left to right, Major Robinson, Sarnia, brigade major; Brigadier General King, interests of the municipality at right, Major Robinson, Sarnia, brigade major; Brigadier General King, commanding officer M. D. No. 1; Lieut.-Colonel Gillespie, camp commandant.

### Children Throw New Light On Dickens' Masterpiece

Scrooge Invested With Novel Characteristics in Answers On the Literature Paper.

The rooms above the city clerk's office on the second floor are now completed, and with the exception of a Union Jack, which has not yet been secured, well fitted for the purposes.

The main question in the paper was other poser to many of the children who gave the following answers: "It meant that he was unable to speak, well fitted for the purposes." his head, and the children explained it in these ways. "He had a cold song in his head." "He was wearing a and that it had left his back stiff and in his head." "He was wearing a cold hat," and one naive young lady said that "He had a not quite nice story in his head." Another part of the context con tained the phrase, "bestow a trifle," and this was translated

which caused a certain amount of surprise and gratification on the part of Mayor Wenige and council members. "Preventive measures are what we need," said Mayor Wenige, evidently pleased with the record of the court during the brief period of its ing his gait. This phra

> Again Dickens says that it is better to have no eye than to have an evil eye, a statement that was trans-

> > Gambling on the Lord's

Day.

The police came out winners in a

card game held at 508 Nelson street

last Sunday when they arrested seven

and Mike Kutasky paid fines of \$5

and pleaded guilty.

Three Americans and one Cana-

dian, travelling together, appeared

way from Windsor. They were en route to Toronto. Fines of \$10 and

costs or ten days were levied. The travelers are George Vincent, Cleve-land; Frank Martin, Cleveland; Frank Kelly, Philadelphia, and Wil-

Real Estaté Operations

Show Return To Normalcy

Another indication of London's in- by the assessment authorities at

act by gambling on the Sabbath.

con- evil eye, a statement that was transiffle," formed by one pupil into "It is better
one to have a glass eye than to have no
one eye."

HIT BY AUTOMOBILE

### COURT GIVES DIVORCE POLICE HOPPED IN ON TO ETHEL BARRYMORE LITTLE SUNDAY GAME

Famous Actress Gains Freedom Seven Russians Arrested For From Husband-Will Keep Children.

Associated Press Despatch. Providence, R.I., July 6 .- Ethel Barrymore, the actress, was yesterday granted a divorce from Russell G. Colt, son of the late Colonel Samuel P. Colt, of Bristol, on the As a result, John Martin, John grounds of neglect to provide, fol- Bolonka, Peter Drabick, Joseph Okinlowing a hearing of testimony taken sky, William Azma, Metro Packna by depositions. Under the decision she is granted custody of three chil-

Mrs. Colt in her deposition stated she was married on March 14, 1909. She said that in 1914, while at a New York hotel, Mr. Colt struck her several times. She further stated looking on the wine when it was red the had been subjected to assaults. They were charged with intoxication on several occasions. She said she had supported herself and children since her marriage.

### LOOK INTO RECORDS OF FIRE DEPARTMEN

Research Institute Representatives Conduct Survey of Call Book.

J. D. Howe and C. C. Watt, of the Toronto staff of the Citizens' Research Institute of Canada, who, with Dr. Horace L. Brittain, are conducting a survey of the fire department, commenced their work in earnest this morning, when they began to examine the records kept at the central station. Mr. Howe is engaged in looking

through the call book kept in the om where the fire calls come in. Another indication of London's intored, together with every piece of
apparatus, and the number of men
that answer the call. If a truck or
wagon leaves the station for special
work of some kind the fact is put
down in the record book, as is also
any examination of apparatus or
other indication of London's intoreasing prosperity is the semi-antoreasing prosperity is the semi

### Crown Attorney Is Appointed To Succeed the Late W. R. Meredith. ACTED FOR 20 YEARS

Several Suits Now Awaiting To Be Fought Out in the Court.

J. C. Elliott, K.C., crown attorney, has been chosen as the new solicitor for London Township, to succeed the late W. R. Meredith, who acted in that capacity for twenty years.

The township statutes do not call for the official appointment of a olicitor, but dating back into the limmest history of township affairs the practice of choosing a regular at-torney has always been adopted. Before Mr. Meredith held the position the late Judge Duncan McMillan cared for the legal affairs of the township before he was called to the bench, and both have figured in historic cases that concerned the town

ship. In Mr. Elliott the township officials the township enjoying her lawful rights. Two or three important suits involving the township are pending, and in a few months they are expected to be fought out in the courts.

### AT DOCKS IN ENGLAND

Order To Start Work Monday.

dock workers which was spreading to Allied trades and threatening England's food supply has been called off by union executives. The men have been ordered to return to work Mon

is considered doubtful if they will obey the orders. Many phases of the walkout being of an "Outlaw" character.

George Foster Meets Death While Trying To Board Street Car.

Canadian Press Despatch. Toronto, July 6.—George W. Foster, aged 68 was almost instantly killed today when struck by a motor car Mr. Foster was in the act of boarding a street car and an automobile drive by Leonard S. Jesshope, which had been following the street car, stopped about six feet back. A motor car coming behind crashed into Jess-hope's car and the latter was shunted ahead hitting Foster as he crossed Russians for violating the Lord's Day in front of it. Abraham Brittain who drove the

rear auto is under arrest on the charge of manslaughter. Both autos PUTS BAN ON SPEAKING

### and costs. They did not appear in court, but settled the matter beforehand. Robert Andrews, 12 Alexander street; Arthur Shaw, 186 Clarence AGAINST KU KLUX KLAN street, and Niles Jackson, Parkhill each contributed \$10 and costs for Canadia: Press Despatch.

Brantford, July 6.-Permission speak on the market square here against the Klu Klux Klan has been refused to W. L. Franklin, Kitchener by the buildings and grounds comcharged with trespassing on the C. N. R. They were arrested as they arrived in town after beating their mittee of the city council.

### THREE BRITISH CRUISERS PAY VISIT TO HALIFAX

Special to The Advertiser. Halifax, N.S., July 6 .- Three British cruisers, the Constance, Cape-town and Calcutta, under the comliam Brooks, Toronto. Brooks was remanded for a week.

Eight breaches of the motor vehicles act were charged against citizens. All paid the usual amount of \$5 before court opened.

mand of Vice-Admiral Sir Michael Culme Seymour, Bart., K.C.B., M.V.
O., arrived in Halifax this morning from Bermuda and will remain for an indefinite period.

at the cadet field day held at Carling Heights yesterday, snapped by The Advertiser staff photographer. Elliott captured four firsts and was

Doubtful If Men Will Obey City Finance Committee Decides Action To Replace Damaged Apparatus.

Special Cable to The London Advertiser TERRY MAKES OFFER

Mayor Believes Replacement Can Be Acomplished Without Overdraft.

Meeting in special session at noon today, members of the finance committee directed that tenders be called for a new chassis upon which can be ternal affair of the management, in placed equipment formerly used upon the form of a readjustment. It is placed equipment formerly used upon the fire truck recently damaged going

to a false alarm from No. 2 station. plished without interfering with any Arrange to Rent Machine. In the meanwhile, an arrangemen will be made with Tom Terry to rent a machine for temporary use at least. Mr. Terry offered to sell this equip-

ment to the council for \$3,200, or a better truck at \$3,900. While Mayor Wenige pointed out the need for haste and viewed with favor Mr. Terry's offer, the other members in attendance, Aldermen Judd, Wilson and Greer, ruled that in order to avoid probable criticism from the general public it would be best to ad-

Mayor Wenige advanced the opinion that the council should inaugur-ate a fund to which could be added each year the amount of annual de-Ald. Greer held that the same could be done with all civic equipment. He reminded that City Engineer Near had already undertaken a move in this direction. Ald. Greer questioned the source of

funds for this latest expenditure commenting, "It looks like an over-Expense Unavoidable.

Mayor Wenige pointed out that of course the expense was unavoidable. The truck would have to be replaced with either a new or second-hand machine. He favored the latter, but the committee ruled against him, insisting that new equipment would

be cheaper in the end, Mayor Wenige was confident, as usual, that the money would be available in some manner without an overdraft, while Fire Chief Aitken an-nounced proudly that "he has never had an overdraft in his department

The chief reported that the truck was disabled on its way to a false alarm, and sounded another warning against this practice.

### LONDON MEN REMANDED IN ST. THOMAS COURT Special to The Advertiser.

St. Thomas, July 6.—At police court this morning, E. R. Henderson of London and Donald Snell of St. Thomas were remanded for one week. Henderson expressed himself as de-In Last Six Months 969 Properties of Approximately \$2,500,000 sirous of getting away from the drug habit, which he admitted was a curse. He asked permission to apply for admission to the Ontario Hospital, where he could be cured of it

> REFEREE BIG FIGHT. Associated Press Despatch.

Trenton, N. J., July 6.—Boxing Commissioner Bugbee today announced the selection of Harry Lewis of Newark as the referee of the Firpo-Willard match at Jersey City, July 12.

Executive of Theatre Organization Decide Action Necessary Safeguard.

CALL SHAREHOLDERS

Organized Few Years Ago and Operates 116 Houses Throughout Dominion.

Special to The Advertiser. Montreal, July 6.-H. W. Beauclerk

resident of the Trans-Canada Theatres. Limited, has addressed a letter to the shareholders, advising them that owing to further losses incurred by the company this year, in addition to heavy osses for 1921-1922, it has been decided to place the company in voluntary liqui dation. A meeting of shareholders has been called for July 16 to authorize this step, proxies for which are made out in the names of H. W. Beauclerk and

Henry Joseph. Try Reducing Expenses

Mr. Beauclerk states in his letter that every effort was made to make ends meet by reducing expenses, but even then the company ran behind, and it was considered the only thing to do

was to wind up its affairs. The company was organized a few years ago to promote the introduction into Canada of a better grade of British heatrical productions, and a chain of heatres across the continent to Vancouver was arranged to book these productions. The project had not proved a paying proposition, and rather than run into further losses it will be allowed

The Trans-Canada Theatres, Using ited, a chain of theatres, was acquired, a chain of theatres, was acquired. The Trans-Canada Theatres. Limed by the present owners from the Small estate, and the system leases, owns or controls 116 theatres in all. The company has offices in Lon-don, England, and in New York. George F. Driscol), formerly of Lon-

don, is the vice-president and general manager of the company, and J. R. Minhinnick, of the Grand, is direc-When questioned concerning the roposed liquidation, Mr. Minhinnick proposed liquidation, Mr. Minhimaick said: "I have received no notice of this as yet. It is too early to say anything definite about it, but I be-lieve it is a preliminary step towards

complete reorganization."
When asked what effect it is likely to have on operation, he said: "I don't think it will mean the closing of the theatres. It is merely an inaltogether likely that the reorganiza-

theatres in the chain." Particularly in West. All theatres in Canada where a mixed form of entertainment is carried have found it very difficult to engage traveling companies, and this has been particularly felt in the west, where the shortage of road companies has been acute during the past two years. It is considered likely that this has been a contributing factor to a sequence of events which has culminated in the voluntary liquida-tion of Trans-Canada Theatres, Ltd.

### each year the amount of annual depreciation of fire trucks. The councillors were of a like mind, while

Will Demonstrate Means of Getting Pure Water For the Farms.

The provincial department of agriculture's extension branch, demonstration truck, showing means of rater and safe sanitation for farm square from 11 a.m. tomorrow until

The truck is in charge of Edwin Newsome, who is qualified to answer all questions and to give advice on the installation of home water sys-tems for the farm. The truck and its staff left this morning for Birr, where the different appliances and fittings will be explained and several farms visited for the purpose of giving actual demonstrations.

The truck is equipped with two

electric automatic systems, one hand power and one gasoline engine outfit for the purpose of forcing running water to the taps. In addition to this there is a complete bathroom equipment connected and in operation.

### A Chance to Help

Friends and fellow-workers are endeavoring to relieve the mis-fortune of Charles Grantham, former street railway employee and victim of accidental blind-

ness.

The Advertiser is asked by these friends to announce that citizens who wish to help Mr. Grantham may leave money for him with ex-Alderman W. J. Ashton, Alder-man John Colbert, or at The Ad-vertiser office. Such assistance will be acknowledged from time to time in the paper.