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ON. P. SMITH DENIES RECEIVING $15,

Amended Union Bill Permits Churches To Retain Ide

ORIGINAL BILL ON UNION IS ALTERED

Measure Now Has Cla e To Guard Against "In Agai ut Again" Feature.

THOSE NOT WISHING TO UNITE MAY STAY OU

Amendment To Church Measure Is Passed By 36 To 26 In Private Bills Committee.

Staff Correspondence

TORONTO, April 1. — Anglican and Roman Catholic members of the private bills committee to-day joined with those Presbyterians dissatisfied with the terms of the church union bill, and by a vote of 36 to 26 authorized the drafting of clauses which will permit any of the three churches concerned to retain their present identity. It will not prevent union, in that congregations so inclined may unite, but those not wishing to do so may remain out and keep their property and name, instead, as Col. Currie put it, of being "bundled into" union and getting out by a congregational vote afterwards.

This decision was reached just before 1 o'clock, after nearly three hours' discussion. The resolution was the latest of a series, and was moved by William Finlayson (Conservative, East Simcoe) an Anglican, after an eloquent appeal, in which he declared that Anglicans or Roman Catholics would fight by every means in their power such a bill affecting them, even if presented by their bishops. The seconder was Col. John A. Currie, Toronto.

THE CHANGE AGREED ON

The wording is as follows:

"That before proceeding further with the bill, the law clerk of the committee be instructed to draft clauses by which the bill will be amended by adding clauses providing for the preservation of the Presbyterian Church in Canada, the Methodist Church of Congregational Church as separate entities, and for g to any congregation the right by to its members to remain in its er church and keep there in any erty owned by it.

ty-two of the 78 members of the mittee were present to-day as com- d to 51 on Friday, when a motion suspend operation of the bill pend- a new vote of Presbyterians was de- ted.

o-day's vote was as follows:

For the amendment: Berry, Brackin, Bradburn, Bragg, Callan, armichael, Chambers (Welling- n), Clarke (Brockville), Currie, Finlayson, Garden, Gray, Graves, Hillmer, Keefer, Keith, Lewis, Mc-Causland, MacDiarmid, Mageau, Mewhinney, Milligan, Nesbitt, Owens, Pinard, Proulx, Ross, Sinclair, Tellier, Wallis, Weichel, Wigle, Wilson (Windsor) and Wil- son (Niagara Falls). — 36.

Against: Armstrong, Belanger, Black, Chambers (Oxford), Clarke (Northumberland), Crawford, El- liott, Fisher, Harcourt, Ireland, Joynt, Kemp, Lethbridge, McBrien, McKeown, Mark, Morel, Oakley,

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THE WEATHER

FAIR.

FORECASTS.

Lower Lakes: Northwest winds; cloudy and cold, with local snow flurries. On Wednesday: Fair.

NOTES.

Pressure is high from Northern Quebec across the Great Lakes to the Western States and relatively low off the South Atlantic coast. The weather has been cold from Ontario east- with light snow in Eastern and the Maritime Provinces. n the West it has been fair, with higher temperature.

TEMPERATURES.

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treal	22	30	18
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John's, Nfld	30	38	26
roit	24	32	20
York	30	44	28

St. Andrew's Church Choir On Way To Ingersoll

By the Free Press Camera Man.

Yesterday afternoon the choir and soloists of St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, of this city, journeyed to Ingersoll, where they took part in a musical festival in the Ingersoll Baptist Tabernacle. They are shown in the photograph, snapped at the C. N. R. station a few minutes before they left.

REPRIEVE EXPECTED FOR HENRY WILLIAMS

J. M. Donahue Appeals To Minister of Justice To Save Lives of Bank Robbers.

NO CHANCE OF MURRELL ESCAPING DEATH PENALTY

Advisors of Department Opposed To Interfering With Trial Judge's Sentence.

Special to The London Free Press.

OTTAWA, April 1.—Belief is expressed here to-day that the sentence of death facing Henry Williams, London, for the murder of Russell Campbell in Melbourne, will be commuted to one of life imprisonment. There is little likelihood that the sentence of Sidney Murrell will be interfered with. The minister of justice was interviewed by J. M. Donahue, of London, counsel for the condemned man, and the case of Williams was placed before him. The minister is understood to be sympathetically disposed toward counsel's plea, though no intimation of the ultimate outcome is obtainable.

A different view of the situation is said to be held by advisors to the minister of justice, whose attitude is analyzed as being opposed to commutation of the sentence imposed by the trial judge.

"Slim" Williams, to whom the above dispatch refers, is now confined to the Middlesex County jail awaiting execution on April 10. He was found guilty of murder at the February assizes before Mr. Justice Lennox and convicted of participation in the attempted robbery of the Home Bank of Melbourne three years ago when Russell Campbell was slain. The law holds all members of a gang equally guilty of a crime committed while in the pursuit of a common unlawful purpose. J. M. Donahue, Williams' counsel, left yesterday for Ottawa to place his case before the minister of justice. Mr. Donahue will also endeavor to have the minister consider the case of Sidney Murrell, convicted of the shooting of Campbell, and also condemned to die on the same date.

MRS. SCANDRETT DEAD.

Mrs. J. W. Scandrett, 835 Richmond street, died this morning following an illness of some weeks duration. A resident of this city for a great number of years, a great number of friends and acquaintances regret her demise.

Her husband, Joseph W. Scandrett, a prominent business man of the city, survives.

The funeral will be of a strictly private nature, next Thursday. Services will be conducted by Dean Tucker, of St. Paul's Cathedral, of which deceased was a staunch adherent.

Interment will be made in Woodland Cemetery.

TWO NEW YORK KILLINGS CREDITED TO GANG WAR

NEW YORK, April 1.—Max Kanowitz, proprietor of a Lower East Side billiard parlor, and Louis Greenberg, a patron, were shot and killed last night after they had been lured to the street by their assailants, who escaped in a taxicab.

Police ascribe the killing to a gang war.

Court Flays Immigrant Who Idled Four Months At the Expense of Friend

Thomas Horan Lived Life of Ease Since November, But Promises To Get Awakened With Reformatory Term a Probability.

Since coming to this country from Ireland on November 17, last, the life of Thomas Horan, 23, has been a bed of ease, Harry Kelly relative of the youth, testified before Magistrate Graydon when Horan was charged with vagrancy to-day. Kelly said he paid Horan's passage to Canada in answer to the pleadings of the prisoner's mother, who resides in Ireland, and gave him $25 besides. In return, he claimed, Horan has constantly lounged in bed for seven weeks for 24 hours at a time until he turned him out of the house five weeks ago after Horan had come back to London from Montreal where he had taken a notion to go.

Horan counterclaimed that he was forced to come to Canada against his will. He said his family forced him out there because of the trouble in and that he had never been able to reconcile himself with his new surroundings. He admitted that he had worked a day and a half since coming to London.

DON'T WANT SPONGES.

"We can't have people in this country who won't work," Magistrate Graydon admonished. "We want industrious people and those who think they are going to sponge on what other people are going to get a rude awakening."

After the story of Kelly had been heard, the court remanded the youth to jail for a week, stating that it looks as if a term in the reformatory will be necessary to straighten him up. "His mother pleaded with me to let him here," Kelly testified. "He told me that he didn't sign the papers, maintains I paid his fare and gave him $25 besides. When he took a notion to go to Montreal, he lived part- ly at the expense of the Salvation Army and others.

"Then he wrote me stating that he was sorry for his conduct here and said he felt that he hadn't recognized when he had one. He a good home to send him enough pleaded for me him back and I sent money to bring he got here he acted it to him. Where way as he had done in just the same complained of having a before. He could just as able to work pain, but he is as I am.

"Five weeks ago I turned him out of the house and since that time he has been living with an aunt on Grey street. I have written and cabled his parents to take him back to Ireland, but they have never answered."

PAINFUL INJURY TO GARBAGE EMPLOYEE

W. Campbell, 19 Horton street, a garbage department, had driver for the dislocated when he was a collar bone between his wagon and a crushed between a post on Horton street, near telephone pole yesterday at noon. The injured Maitland, was standing alongside the man when the horses started away post when him unawares.

and caught MacLean attended the injured Dr. Angus and had him removed to the office of Dr. H. S. Wismer, who took an X-ray photograph of the shoulder, disclosing the nature of his injuries. He will be confined to his home for a month.

UNDER THE NEEDLE.

Mayor Wenger is the latest vaccination convert in the city, according to reports. He stated to-day that he being vaccinated before the intended be Dr. Downham was not in day is over ess time and it could not be reach at p whether the mayor was discovered or not. He is also the last vaccinated of the Board of Health to members vaccination. submit to

That $15,000 Check Issued Back In 1919

Date of the Ontario provincial election which brought the Drury Government into office—October 20, 1919.

Date of the swearing-in of Premier Drury and his Government, including Hon. Peter Smith—November 14, 1919.

Date of the transaction disclosed last night in sensational evidence before the public accounts committee—December 18, 1919.

PUT DEATH WATCH ON DOOMED MEN

Extra Guards Employed To Prevent Possible Escape.

SEARCHLIGHTS ALSO USED

With just 10 days left in their legally allotted lives, "Syd" Murrell, "Slim" Williams and Clarence Topping, the three men sentenced to hang at the county jail on April 10, have been placed under a death watch. Sheriff Graham intimated that powerful lights were placed in vantage points that would aid officials in the prevention of any possible jail delivery.

But neither the sheriff nor others in authority at the prison expect any attempt of this kind. With the few days yet remaining gradually closing up three eventful careers, the extra precautions are being taken just as a safeguard.

None of the officials at the jail will talk of the intimate meetings they have in the course of their duties with the three condemned men. Although from time to time some little inklings of their conduct leak out, the department regulations have been tightened in this regard lately and questions regarding the prisoners go unanswered.

TRAM AND BUS SERVICE RESUMED IN OLD LONDON

Special Cable To The Free Press.

LONDON, April 1.—Tram and bus service was resumed to-day on full schedule in all parts of London, following acceptance by the striking workers of terms offered them last week.

WELFARE CANVASS GETS BIG RESPONSE

Business Section of City Thoroughly Combed On First Day of Campaign.

CONFIDENT OF $125,000 OBJECTIVE IF ALL HELP

City Mapped Out Into Districts With Efficient Workers Conducting Appeal.

With more than $28,000 already subscribed or pledged to the United Welfare Fund for the 14 participating agencies, 140 canvassers, comprising 20 teams, started on their anual drive at 9 a. m. to-day, optimistically intent on reaching the set objective of $125,000.

The business section of the city, with upwards of 3,000 names on the list, is being canvassed to-day, and, while directors of the movement refrained from voicing an opinion as to what sum of money might be collected, they hope to overstep the objective for the same day of last year.

Together with the canvass being made by the welfare workers, who are giving their time for this duty gratis, a canvass of every manufacturing, wholesale, retail, financial and educational organization or concern is being conducted by officers appointed by the executive of each firm.

GROUND WORK DONE.

In previous years the work was carried out in such a manner that much duplication occurred and this presented quite a few difficulties for the canvasser. Considerable experience was gained by the mistakes, however, and those in charge of the collection of funds are confident that nothing has been overlooked this year which might tend to cause inconvenience to the collectors or otherwise place a monkey-wrench in the well-oiled machinery of which each canvasser finds himself a part.

Formerly a canvasser was privileged to select his own list, thereby literally treading on the toes of one of the other canvassers by spreading his activities to some certain section assigned to

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ONLY OTTAWA CAN SAVE TOPPING NOW

Appeal Fails At Toronto and Executive Clemency Only Remains Between Him and the Gallows.

TORONTO, April 1.—Clarence Topping, sentenced by Mr. Justice Lennox for the murder in London last November of Geraldine Durston, will hang on April 10 unless executive clemency intervenes.

The defense attempted making application at Ottawa for a medical examination of the prisoner.

"In the matter of an appeal tried yesterday, Rex vs. Topping," said Chief Justice Latchford, in giving judgment, "this court is of the opinion that the appeal fails. There has been no miscarriage of justice. The appeal is, therefore, dismissed and the conviction confirmed. Reasons for judgment will be given later."

The appeal entered at Osgoode Hall by D. A. J. Swanson, of Oshawa, on behalf of Clarence Topping, asking that the verdict of the February assize jury be set aside, was heard at Osgoode Hall yesterday when Mr. Swanson presented arguments to support the application. Like those of his two fellow prisoners, Henry Williams and Sidney Williams, Topping's sole hope now lies with the minister of justice at Ottawa. All three men are scheduled to be hanged on April 10.

FORMER TREASURER DECLAR SUGGESTION THAT HE RECEIV "REBATE" FROM BANK IS FA

Hon. Mr. Smith Says He Never Indorsed Such a Check No Effort Was Ever Made By Anyone To Solicit Dep the Province In Any Bank —Mystery of the Check Stu When Former Official Is Interviewed.

HAS NOT SEEN DEPUTY TREASURER LATELY; WILL GIVE EVIDENCE BEFORE COMM

Special to The London Free Press.

TORONTO, April 1.—"The suggestion that I receive check for $15,000 from the Home Bank is absolutely fa There was no effort ever made by anyone to solicit depo from the Government, to my knowledge, for any bank, an infer that all banks paid the same rate on deposits."

Such was the statement made by Hon. Peter Smith t morning, in the presence of Hon. Frank C. Biggs, afte conferred with that gentlemen at the Prince Georg

Makes Denial

PETER SMITH, former provincial treasurer, in whose favor, according to the public accounts committee, a check was made out by the Home Bank for $15,000. The stub has been produced. The check is missing.

Hon. Mr. Smith will p ent at the meeting o counts committee of the morrow morning, although make any statement on this

CONSULTS BIGGS.

In the early hours of th Hon. Mr. Smith was in touch Manning Doherty, leader of group in the Legislature, b mer provincial treasurer timate what was the line tion. This morning philosopher and friend is Biggs. Hon. Mr. Smit far he has not consul to the result of the e the public accounts night.

"Were you in communic A. Matthews, your former the week-end?" Mr. Smit

"I certainly was not."

"When did you see him

"Not for months."

"When did you hear fro him last?"

"I have not heard fro since before the public acco mittee on Saturday. Have his way."

NO KNOWLEDGE OF REFU

"What is your knowledge a refund of $15,000?"

"I have no knowledge whateve

"Could a check for that amou to your department without your k edge?"

"Yes."

"So far as that check being miss Mr. Smith or no member of the Gov ment is responsible for that," inter ed Hon. Frank Biggs.

"Is it possible that someone else the check and that your signature forged?" Mr. Smith was asked.

"Anything is possible."

"What is your own theory?"

"I have no theory."

"What is your belief?"

"The suggestion that I received $15,000 check is false."

"Have you talked this matter with anyone?"

"No," replied Mr. Smith, who ceeded to add, "I would like to see check turn up."

"That's out of your hands," in rupted Hon. Mr. Biggs.

"You think that someone w

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CITY RATEPAYERS MUST PAY $81,000 MORE THAN 1923

Advance In Receipts Made Despite Slightly Lower Tax Rate This Year.

TOTAL OF $2,298,224 ASKED FROM CITIZENS

Comparative Figures For Two Years Shows Only Minor Changes.

Citizens of London will pay a total of $81,000 more taxes in 1924 than they paid in 1923, despite the slightly lower mill rate of this year. The sum asked from the taxpayers this year aggregates $2,298,224 as compared with $2,217,883 for 1923. The annexed district provides .6976 mills, or $1,591, for the general expenses of the city, this being the amount left from the 15-mill rate after the schools appropriations are deducted.

Following is the spread of the taxes for the year 1924:

	mills	
R. C. S. S. Board,		$ 43,159
Public Schools....	9.7066	618,421
Collegiate	3.2204	219,496
Technical	1.3754	93,747
		$ 974,823
Patriotic	.2153	14,842
General	20.1418	1,306,966
Total	34.6595	$2,298,224

Following is a statement of the tax spread for 1923:

	mills	
R. C. S. E. Board,		$ 43,060
Public Schools	9.6483	591,312
Collegiate	3.0992	203,772
Technical	1.5209	100,000
		$ 938,146
Patriotic	.0361	2,399
General	20.3955	1,275,813
Total	34.7000	$2,217,883

THIRD SMALLPOX CASE REPORTED

Pupil of Victoria School Afflicted With Disease.

SHELTER UNDER QUARANTINE

Compulsory Vaccination of All Students Urged By M. O. H.

Another case of smallpox has been discovered in the city, a pupil of Victoria School residing at the Children's Shelter having developed the disease since yesterday. A special meeting of the Board of Health is called for 4 o'clock this afternoon to decide what action should be taken. All the children in the shelter were vaccinated yesterday and that place is now under quarantine as the little patient is being cared for there. This makes three cases in all in the city, as one of the three former patients was released from quarantine yesterday. The other two will likely be allowed out soon. The patient at the shelter has been well isolated and a nurse who has had experience with smallpox is in charge and no alarm is felt in regard to other children in the shelter.

Compulsory vaccination for all school children is being strongly advocated by Dr. Downham. He will press for this action before the Board of Health this afternoon. Whether the board will go this far or not is not known, but it is quite possible an order will be issued to bar any but vaccinated pupils from Victoria School for a few weeks at least. And it is also possible the board may decide to take steps to enforce the vaccination of all pupils in attendance at the city schools.

MAY ENFORCE ORDER.

Some few days ago the board, in special conference, decided to ask for the vaccination of all school pupils. It was stated then, by members of the board, that if this request was not followed generally steps would be taken to enforce vaccination. The discovery of the one case in Victoria School may bring this about.

Local health authorities do not know where the latest infection was received. There have been two cases in the vicinity of Victoria School, one of them adjoining the school grounds and the other about a block away. Some of the South London residents are inclined to believe this development may be from one of those two, but that is not certain.

However, the board will deal with the question fully this afternoon and some steps will be taken to prevent the spread of the disease.

SURE MATTHEWS NOT IN LONDON

Missing Deputy Treasurer and L. C. Mason Wanted.

NEAR RELATIVES HERE

Officials Wanted In Probe of Public Accounts Committee.

If Charles Matthews, suspended deputy provincial treasurer, and his son-in-law, L. C. Mason, both of whom are said to be implicated in dealings uncovered in the probe before the public accounts of the Legislature, have left Toronto, as is reported, it is quite clear that they did not come to London. Near relatives of Mr. Matthews reside in this city.

According to dispatches from Toronto, Inspector Hammond, of the Ontario provincial police, has been detailed to trace them by Chief Inspector Greer, of the criminal investigation department. Inspector Greer is said to hold subpoenas for both men in connection with the investigation before the public accounts committee of the Legislature, at which the disclosures involving them were made in evidence submitted.

Provincial Constable T. Y Stratton said to-day he had not been asked to co-operate in the search for the men and knew nothing whatever of the investigations being made. Inspector Hammond has not visited the city, indicating that the search is being made in other localities.

SINGERS TO CHARGE FOR RADIO NUMBERS

Chicago Musicians Issue An Ultimatum To Broadcasters of City.

CHICAGO, April 1.—After April 15 no union musicians or singers in Chicago will do radio broadcasting free of charge according to announcement by James Petrillo, president of the Chicago Federation of Musicians. At a recent meeting of the union it was decided to charge $8 for a three-hour engagement after April 15 all appearances of less than three hours to be charged for as of that period.

The next two weeks will be allowed as a period of adjustment to the new union ruling. Several Chicago broadcasters have announced their determination to resist the demand.

MORSE AND VOI OVER SAME W

New System For Telegraph Telephone Dispatching.

INSTALLED BY C. N

Saves Erection of Second H ton-Detroit Lines.

A simplex circuit box is bein stalled at the local Canadian Na Railways depot to-day, which wi able the railway to utilize tele dispatching wires from Hamilt Detroit for telegraphic purposes a as telephone, thus saving a larg penditure for installing separate for telegraph communication.

J. R. Larocque, Montreal, chie patcher of the railway telegraph s of the C. N. R., arrived in Lond noon to-day and assisted the tel electric officials in installing the machine which will be tested to- row.

The installation of the simplex cuit in London will link up the de patching wires from Hamilton to De troit, giving the C. N. R. a through service from Montreal to Chicago, as the railway has already put the telephone wires to a double use from Montreal to Hamilton and from Detroit to Chicago.

Telephone dispatching and telegraphic communication will be carried out on the same wires at the same time when the simplex circuit is completed, which is one of the latest electrical inventions.

An expenditure of many thousands of dollars would be necessary in order to string separate wires for telegraph purposes from Montreal to Chicago, while the placing of simplex circuit is not near as expensive.

The telephone dispatching system was placed in use in this ago.