

FREEMEN FAVOR PROBE OF DEPARTMENT

BUDGET ADOPTED, AFTER ALL-NIGHT SITTING, BY 37 MAJORITY

COMMONS VOTE ENDS 24 DAYS' DEBATE

Premier King Alone Charged With Using Up 79 Columns of Hansard.

MEMBERS SLEEP THROUGH DEBATE'S LAST HOURS

Opposition Cheers As Premier King Makes Election Threat During Speech.

OTTAWA, May 1.—After 24 days of debate the House this morning adopted the budget by a majority of 37. The votes were: For, 123; against 86; majority for, 37.

The unexpectedly large majority aroused wild enthusiasm among Liberal members. Their forecast had been between 20 and 25. When the result was announced they banged their desks in applause and flung sheaves of paper into the air. Seventeen Progressives and Independents voted with the Government included in their number being J. Fred Johnston, chief Progressive whip, Robert Forke, with the remaining Progressives, voted with the Conservatives against the Government, on the main motion.

The vote on the main motion was preceded by a division on the Conservative amendment, proposed by Sir Henry Drayton, and calling for a reduction of taxation. This amendment was defeated by 164 to 48, or a majority against of 116. Liberals and Progressives voted against the Conservatives, in favor of William Irvine, Labor member for East Calgary, voted with the Conservatives, otherwise it was a straight party vote.

The last day's debate had lasted 16 hours. Following the speeches of Liberals and Conservative leaders, a passionate debate was waged on the "ginger group" of Progressives. There were wrangles over responsibility for the long-drawn-out debate.

PREMIER TALKATIVE. In the small hours W. A. Boyd, chief Conservative whip, charged that Premier King himself had filled 79 columns of Hansard during the session, which, Mr. Boyd said, was one-third of the total wordage of all Conservatives.

As the long night passed, a dreary dawn filtered through high windows on a curious scene. Members of the House, Hon. Ernest Lapointe, trying hard to keep awake, was the only minister there. Hon. Dr. S. P. Gordon, a pasted-up member, was the sole occupant of the front Opposition bench. Rows and rows of empty seats and, as corridor doors opened now and again, slumbering members of a dozen women party enthusiasts of politics, had sat through the night. Speeches went on and on, yet, with the exception of the Hansard staff, no one seemed to be paying the slightest attention.

By 6 in the morning more members had slipped into the chamber. A newsboy was distributing morning editions, desks were rapidly hidden beneath the opened sheets. There was a growing tendency to interrupt.

W. C. Good, of Brant, was speaking when he was brought up with a protest that he was reading his speech.

QUOTING FROM BOOK. "I understand the honorable gentleman was giving a citation," responded Deputy Speaker Gordon. "Of course, it would be contrary to the rules for him to read his speech."

Mr. Good sharply added that he was quoting from a book review. "To interrupt proceedings," he added, "I would suggest that I have the minimum number of interruptions."

"Oh, put it into Hansard as read," protested a Liberal member.

Speaker Lemieux, who had now taken (Continued on Page Twenty-four)

Plum Tree Blossoms Early



By The Free Press Photographer. Plum trees as a rule are among the last of the fruit trees to burst into bloom, but this particular tree, which bears plums of large blue-red type, believes in breaking all traditions and is here shown a mass of blossoms. The tree is owned by Mr. McLeod, of 79 Colborne street north.

ENGINEER'S HEROISM SAVES PASSENGERS ON THE OCEAN LIMITED

Sticks To His Post When Shower of Boulders Wrecks Million-Dollar Limited.

ARM TORN FROM SOCKET, DEATH WILL LIKELY RESULT

Travelers Turn Out In Midnight Rainstorm Few Miles From Levis.

QUEBEC, May 1.—Shaken into consciousness from their sleep when Engineer Joseph Gagnon jammed on the brakes in an effort to save their train from wreck, some hundreds of passengers of the Ocean Limited, Canadian National Railway's "million dollar train," from Montreal to Halifax, turned out in a pouring rain about one and a quarter miles east of Levis in what clothes they could hurriedly put on early this morning to find that the engineer and fireman, Emile Courcier, had some over a 12-foot embankment, with their locomotive, and were imprisoned there, while the mail and express cars were derailed.

BOULDERS THE CAUSE. On and around the track as the cause of the wreck were boulders which had fallen down from a cliff.

None of the passenger cars left the rails and no passengers were injured, but Engineer Gagnon may give his life for sticking to duty and thus saving the people, whose lives were in his care, from injury or death. He is in a critical condition, with internal injuries, and his arm, it is thought, torn and wrenched from its socket. Fireman Courcier was painfully burned by escaping steam.

THE ACCIDENT. The train, which was derailed at 12.22 a. m. Another locomotive was sent out from Montreal to Halifax, was derailed at 12.27 o'clock this morning, one and a quarter miles east of Levis, as the result of several tons of rock falling on the tracks and the train derailing. The engine and tender dropped down a 12-foot embankment to the edge of the St. Lawrence River. Engineer Joseph Gagnon was fatally burned by escaping steam. Fireman Emile Courcier was slightly injured. Both were treated by Dr. Cuphot, of Montreal, who was a passenger on the train, and were taken to Hotel Dieu at Quebec. No passengers were hurt. The train was derailed by way of Carrier by a fresh locomotive and proceeded on her way.

It was raining heavily at the time of the accident.

Kitchener Doctor Discovers Primary Cause of Suicide; Says Most Cases Preventible

KITCHENER, May 1.—Dr. J. E. Hett, of this city, discoverer of the treatment of abdominal fibroids with X-ray, has announced, after years of research, a theory by which he establishes the primary causes of suicides, and claims, as a result of his investigations, that 30 per cent. of suicides are preventable. Dr. Hett declares it is all wrong to lay suicides at the door of mental conditions arising from shock, loss of money, worry and other mental stress. These, he asserts, are only secondary or contributory. The real causes are certain physical pathological degenerations, gradually brought about by certain life habits. The physician's researches have been going on quietly for over 30 years, with the result that the identical lesions have been found in all cases of suicide coming under his personal investigation. He claims medical science has heretofore thrown absolutely no light on suicide, which, throughout recent years, has been gradually on the increase. The doctor is preparing a treatise on the subject, which he will place before various medical and health organizations.

BOARD TO VOTE ON \$10,000 "FRILLS"

Majority of Trustees Said To Be In Favor of Eliminating Two Courses.

STRAW VOTE WILL NOT BE DETERMINING FACTOR

Alleged That Local Household Science Supervisor Highest Paid In Province.

Regardless of how the straw vote stands on the question of "frills" at the local colleges, the Board of Education will probably decide to-day to eliminate manual training and household science from the courses of the three high schools. This view, which was expressed by Chairman S. F. Lawson, is also reflected in the attitude of the majority of the trustees who are determined to cut \$10,000 from the annual educational costs.

Absolute secrecy has marked the taking of the ballot. Secretary Tanner has orders from the special committee not to divulge how the plebiscite is going. The result will not be divulged until the meeting this afternoon, but in any case it will not be taken too seriously by the board members. It is the general feeling among the trustees that a big mistake was made in soliciting an expression of public opinion on an issue which was purely a matter of internal policy.

"We won't have to recognize the straw vote in making our decision," said Mr. Lawson, "and, on the other hand, it is foolish to go to the public on the question. It's the board's business to decide matters of policy such as this. If these courses are the largest money then it is our duty to decide on their elimination from the standpoint of economy."

Further investigation into the question of cost has disclosed the fact that the supervisor of household science at the Central Collegiate received \$2,700 a year, while the supervisor of manual training at the same school received only \$1,200. This fact is certain to influence the board in deciding the question from the standpoint of economy.

It is not clear what the result of the straw vote "frills" will be.

So far Trustees George F. Copeland has been the only member to champion the two courses in the colleges. As an ex-teacher, he believes that the subjects should be taught even if they are not required by the department of education. Trustee Dr. Bowman has been well known for his attitude that both economy and efficiency should be considered.

On the other hand several of the trustees are out and out for the elimination of the costly courses from the three schools and believe they have the support of the taxpayers in this move. Trustee Mrs. C. L. A. Hunt has sponsored the reduction move. Trustee R. D. Mess has taken up the cudgels in support of her resolution, while Chairman Robert Moran, of Paris, W. G. Murray, Trustee J. B. Wright and Trustee Mrs. J. Rose are behind the economy move. It would seem that the "frills" being eliminated.

C. N. R. SECTION MAN IS FATALY INJURED

Robert Moran Dies In Hospital Following Accident At Gravel Pit.

Falling in between two moving cars on a railroad of gravel at the London divisional gravel pit at Paris Junction, Robert Moran, of Paris, had one arm completely severed by the wheels of a car and died later in the hospital at Paris.

Moran was walking along the top of a train of loaded cars coming up the gravel pit and was in the act of stepping from one car to another, when the train broke apart between the two cars he was astride. He fell through the tracks and the wheels of the second car cut off one arm completely.

Weakened by loss of blood and shock Moran died during the night in the General Hospital at Paris. He was employed with the C. N. R. as a sectionman on the road between Paris and Paris Junction.

FIRE DESTROYS 8 HOUSES AND MENACES CONVENT

THREE RIVERS Que. May 1.—(By Canadian Press).—Eight houses were totally destroyed by a big fire early this morning at Ste. Clothilde de Horton, in Arthabaska County. The Convent of L'Assomption was threatened and the Rev. Arthur LeBlanc, carried the holy host from the convent chapel. The fire last from 1 o'clock to 5.30 this morning. Damage was estimated at \$50,000.

CROP REPORTS SEND WHEAT SKYWARD

May Shoots Up to \$1.68 at Winnipeg. An Advance of Six Cents.

WINNIPEG, May 1.—May wheat here to-day shot up to \$1.68, an advance of six cents on a wave of buying in which exporters were particularly active.

The bullish tone of the market was attributed chiefly to the tone of private crop reports, issued to-day, placing the winter wheat production anywhere from 15,000,000 to 25,000,000 bushels below the United States Government estimate last month. Liverpool cables, which closed 5 1/2 cents higher, also influenced the upward swing.

All the coarse grains were up in sympathy with wheat.

MAY DAY PASSES OFF QUIETLY WITH NO WAGE CHANGES

Employers and Employees Are Satisfied As To Conditions Here.

COMMUNIST MEETING IS CALLED FOR THIS EVENING

High Price of Building Material Having Effect On Volume of Construction.

Mayday passed off quietly in London. Building trades are all working on the same wages as were paid last year, according to a report by Secretary George Gould, of the Builders' Exchange, and there is no suggestion of any differences arising between the employers and employees respecting wages and working conditions. And despite the fact that there are still a number of building trades workers still unemployed, the outlook is good for a busy season this year.

The only demonstration that was planned to mark the first of May was the Communist mass meeting that has been called for to-night on the Federal Square. A pamphlet distributed by Communist leaders of the city called on all workers to lay down their tools for this day and celebrate it in accord with the customs in some other countries. But so far as could be learned workers were not many men, if any, who laid out for the day. Communist leaders, including L. R. Menziez, one of the alderman candidates in ward three in the last municipal election, F. R. Crookford and others will address this meeting in the interests of Communism.

HIGH PRICE OF MATERIAL.

Mr. Gould explained that conditions would not be any better than for an increase in wages on the part of the men. On the other hand, there is no reason for suggesting that wages should be reduced. But he intimated that unwarrantably high prices of building supplies of various kinds are retarding construction work in this city.

Wages given for the different trades in London as in July, 1924, and which are said to be the likely prevailing rate of wages for the current year, are as follows: Bricklayers, 90 to 85 cents; cement finishers, 65 to 80 cents; lathers, 80 cents; painters, 65 cents; electricians, 60 to 80 cents; sheet metal workers, 50 to 80 cents; plumbers and steamfitters, 75 to 90 cents; hod carriers, 50 to 75 cents, and laborers were paid 40 to 60 cents per hour.

ONE KILLED IN FIGHT OVER GIRL

Chas. Underwood, of Ottawa, Fatally Slashed With Razor.

SLAYER MAKES GETAWAY

Believed To Be Underworld Character of Montreal.

OTTAWA, May 1.—His head almost quartered by vicious razor blade slashes, Charles Edward Underwood, 45, was slain in a battle over a woman, at 48 Albert street, at 7.45 o'clock last night.

The alleged slayer is believed to be Charles (Fred) Uret, an American, about 30 years of age, and suspected by the police of being an underworld character with connections in Montreal and the United States.

As the victim drooped bleeding to the floor of the hallway, the Albert street rooming house, where both the principals in the ghastly drama lived, the alleged slayer calmly walked to his room, put on his hat and coat and fled from the house while other residents called the police to the scene.

LEAVES NO CLUE. When the officers arrived there was no sign of him and at 10 o'clock this morning he had not been found. With the assault upon Miss Cecilia Dupont, a young woman who also resided at the house, when he kicked her and tried to grapple with her inside the door of her bedroom on the first floor of the house, Miss Dupont screamed for "Fred" and the man believed to be Uret, went to her assistance. URES RAZOR AS WEAPON. The assailant was shaving in the bathroom when he heard the cry for help and attacked Underwood with the razor in his hand.

At 10.10 o'clock the victim of the assault passed away in the hospital, death being due to the terrific loss of blood he had undergone and the shock of the injuries received.

Within an hour of the battle every outlet from the city was guarded by the police and detectives were combing the neighborhood countryside in automobiles and motor cycles.



By The Free Press Photographer. Rectory Street School rifle team, who won the junior championship in the rifle competition for this district. Now the question is, where will the boys hang the Laura Secord shield as emblematic of this championship, as the school building is soon to be torn down and the pupils sent to other school districts. Those in the photo are: D. Coleman, S. Keen, W. V. Hoggarth (Instructor), E. Keen, R. North and L. Round.

Workers Striving To Reach \$100,000 Mark In Welfare Fund Drive

Campaigners Intent On Raising \$28,000 To Bring Grand Total To Within Reach of Objective.

Intent on raising some \$28,000 to-day to bring the grand total for the four days up to \$100,000, United Welfare Fund workers are to-day making a determined effort in the appeal of the 14 welfare institutions of the city. For the second day of the campaign, the workers were this morning greeted with rain when they started out on their canvass, but, despite this rain, over 200 workers are in the field, stronger, more energetic and more enthusiastic than ever.

Officials of the Welfare Association, who are devoting their efforts to this great cause, expressed optimism to-day that to-night's figure would find the total at the objective, \$100,000, or real close to that figure. They point out that the spirit of the workers is of the best and the returns to date, although incomplete, have shown the response of the citizens such as almost guaranteeing the campaign objective of \$125,000, and possibly going a little beyond that figure.

To-morrow and Sunday the final spurt is made, when over 250 commercial travelers of the city enter the work. The travelers will visit every home in the city and Londoners can expect some time to-morrow afternoon, to be the hosts of representatives of the United Welfare Fund with white badges on their sleeves.

Travelers will explain the activities of the 14 charities, tell of the work which is being done for the benefit of the community at large. They will leave envelopes and subscription cards, to be filled out by the householders as generously as possible. The travelers will also the election call of the association.

"Everyone is expected to do his share," said the campaign officials.

On Sunday these envelopes and cards will be collected and on Sunday night the United Welfare Fund campaign will be concluded with the final subscriptions amounting to over \$125,000.

All of the workers of the campaign meet to-night at the Tecumseh House (Continued on Page Twenty-one)

RESENT CHARGES AGAINST ABILITY

Union Sets Forth Views In Open Letter To The Citizens of London.

PROMISE EVERY AID IN ANY INVESTIGATION

Claim Controversy Has Resulted In Question of Efficiency of Fire-Fighters.

Pointing out that they have been charged with being the cause of the alleged inefficiency in the fire department, the International Association of Fire Fighters, comprising all the men in the department, it is stated, have written an open letter to the public expressing the desire for an investigation. They deny that this suggestion was taken any steps whatever that would bring reflection on the department, and they promise to give every possible assistance so the investigation may be thoroughly carried through. The communication bears the official stamp of the organization and is said to be approved by every member of the association. The letter in full follows: AN OPEN LETTER.

To the Citizens of London: In view of the fact that at present time the City of London fire department is the subject of much controversy and that as a result its efficiency is being questioned, we, representing the London branch of the International Association of Fire Fighters, wish to make it absolutely clear that the men of the department are in no way responsible for any statement or actions that tend to bring reflection on the organization. Our men are not members of this International Association for any purpose that is not fair and square and above board. Our constitution quite clearly states: "The object of the local shall be the fostering and encouragement of a higher degree of skill and efficiency and cultivation of friendship and fellowship among its members."

This phrase of our association is adhered to by our members and faithfully. Our men are ready to promote in every possible way the welfare of the citizens and offer them fire protection that is of the highest standard within human possibilities. However, in carrying out this principle it seems only fair that the firemen should be tendered co-operation and given some assistance that would be in the interests of all concerned, instead of being referred to by irresponsible parties as being the cause of the alleged inefficiency in the department. It might further be stated that we are ready for and welcome an investigation of the manner in which our department is being conducted. We will lend every assistance in carrying out the truth and all the facts may be placed on the table. All we ask at any time is that the investigation be given fair treatment from the chief.

Faithfully Your Obedient Servants,
Int. Ass'n. of Fire Fighters' Local 142,
London, May 1.

SALE OF DODGE BROS. FINALLY COMPLETED

Last Stage Reached After Check For \$146,000,000 Is Presented.

DETROIT, May 1.—The last step in the sale of Dodge Bros., Inc., to Dillon, Read & Co., New York bankers, was taken here to-day, when representatives of the owners of the automobile company turned over to the purchasers the deeds, bills of sale and other papers involved in the transfer of title.

The transfer was made upon telephone notification from New York that Charles E. Spoken, vice-president of the Detroit Trust Company, representing the Dodge stockholders, had received from Dillon, Read & Co. a check for \$146,000,000, representing the total net purchasing price.

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RESCUERS GROPE TO VESSEL'S AID

Fog Impedes Rescue of Ship Believed In Distress.

HALIFAX, N. S., May 1.—Rescue craft were groping their way through the fog this morning to the position, 40 miles southwest of Halifax, given by a ship believed to be the wooden steamer Clackamah, from Norfolk, Va., with coal for this port, when she sent out S. O. S. calls last night. Nothing has been heard from the steamer since then.

The Red Cross liner Sylvia reported by radio through Camperdown, that she expected to be at the given position of the disabled ship at 9 o'clock this morning. The department of marine and fisheries has ordered the C. G. S. Stanley to the scene. The United Fruit steamer San Gil, from Boston to Halifax, arrived in port this morning, but reported she had not heard nor seen anything concerning the distressed vessel. The Red Star liner Zealand was standing by last night. The crew of the vessel in distress are believed to be Nova Scotians.

Owing to a very thick fog the task of rescue is expected to prove a difficult one.

UNCERTAINTY OF MARKET DISCONTINUES DIVIDEND

MONTREAL, May 1.—The St. Lawrence Flour Mills, Limited, to-day through its president, T. Williamson, announced it was discontinuing the dividend on its common shares on account of the uncertainty of the future of the wheat market.

Churchill Incurs Enmity of Women By Introduction of First Anti-Feminine Budget

Protests Being Heard From Typists and Duchesses Against the Duty On Silk.

BY HERBERT BAILEY. Special Cable to London Free Press. LONDON, May 1.—While Winston Churchill's popularity with the women voters of Britain before he introduced his budget speech was great, it has now become shattered and he has incurred the enmity of almost every woman in the country by his proposal to collect a duty on silk articles entering the country. From all sides, from typists and duchesses, protests against the duty are pouring in and the newspapers are publishing devastating diagrams showing how almost every article of clothing worn by women from their satin shoes to the umbrella she carries is affected by the tax.

With the introduction of artificial silk, woolen and cotton stockings had practically disappeared from the streets of Britain, and now women are fleeing

CHILDREN'S SHELTER UNDER QUARANTINE

Diphtheria Discovered At Wharfedale Road Home, One Child Dies in Hospital.

The children's shelter, Wharfedale road, has been quarantined on account of diphtheria, which has been discovered there. One child taken to Victoria Hospital died on Wednesday night and another one is seriously ill in the same hospital. Both are members of one family and the mother is in Bethesda Hospital. The father has been out of work for some time, but he refused to accept any charity

NET INCREASE IN POPULATION IS 20

During April 106 Births and 86 Deaths Were Recorded. The net increase in the city's population in April was 20, according to the vital statistics given out by the city clerk's office. There were 106 births and 86 deaths during April. In April of last year, there were 90 deaths and 119 births, or a net increase in population of 49. There were 52 marriages recorded during the month just closed, as compared with 45 for the corresponding period of last year.

THE WEATHER

COOL AND SHOWERY.

Forecast: Lower Lakes and Georgian Bay: Fresh to strong north and north-west winds; cool and showery to-day and on Saturday.

NOTES.

The depression which was off the Middle Atlantic coast yesterday has backed westward and is now centered over Lake Ontario. The weather is cool and showery from the Lower Lakes eastward and fair throughout the West with a tendency to higher temperature.

TEMPERATURES.

	High.	Low.	Cloudy
Victoria	54	46	Cloudy
Winnipeg	54	44	Fair
Calgary	50	26	Fair
Port Arthur	52	30	Fair
Parry Sound	58	32	Cloudy
Toronto	56	35	Cloudy
Kingston	60	40	Cloudy
Ottawa	56	40	Rain
Montreal	54	40	Rain
Quebec	45	35	Cloudy
Father Point	38	34	Rain
St. John	40	46	Cloudy
Halifax	44	42	Cloudy
LONDON	53	42	Cloudy