

METERS BRINGING BIG WATER SAVING, OFFICIAL STATES

Utilities Manager Says February Consumption 750,000 Gallons Less in 1924.

3,000 METERS INSTALLED

Through the installation of meters, the consumption of water in London during the month of February averaged 720,000 gallons per day less than in 1923, or an average of 240 gallons per meter.

This saving was accomplished with 3,000 meters which were installed last year and the figures are all the more remarkable when it is considered that during the year 700 new customers were added, consuming on an average 100 gallons per day.

These figures were given out by E. V. Buchanan, general manager of the public utilities commission, this morning, in a general discussion on water and water rates, one of the important matters that will come up at Thursday's meeting of the commission.

Mr. Buchanan stated that although every customer who made a complaint to him declared that he did not waste the water in any way, the proof that a great saving in water is shown by the saving when meters were installed.

Referring to the complaints that have been made about the rates, he stated that when the people realize that the minimum rate was two cents per day and that for that amount, a person was entitled to 80 gallons of water delivered at their house or to carry it away, they would see that they were not overcharged.

Several of the customers who had received bills larger than usual, however, may be using water misapprehension, according to the manager, since the dual billing and consequent rearrangement came into effect on January 1. At that time the system was changed over to a water bill every two months, instead of every quarter and for the first two-month period of this year, several customers were sent bills covering some period of the last quarter, between the time of the meter reading, in some cases the bill payable for two months, making the bill payable for four months. This, in his opinion, accounted for some of the larger amounts of bills.

Referring to the complaint about a metered rate and a flat rate, Mr. Buchanan said that it was not an opportune time to make them, as the metering was going on all the time and that when this was completed, a change might possibly have to be made. At present the minimum flat rate for meters is eight dollars.

INVESTIGATION ORDERED BY FINANCE CHAIRMAN

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that office to assume his present duties.

The latest development is the culmination of a series of controversies since the beginning of the year, during which Mayor Wenige proclaimed far and wide that "it was time for a change." It was his public declaration upon many an occasion that "civic charity was being dispensed with a club."

At recent conferences with representatives of the various relief organizations of the city, the mayor endeavored, in accordance with a clause in his inaugural address, to introduce a new scheme whereby a confidential bureau would be established in the city under the supervision of the Social Service Council and its representatives. Certain representatives of the relief organizations stated that the present relief inspector.

But the members of the finance committee, headed by Ald. Douglass, declined to allow any further control of city expenditures be placed in the hands of others, however trustworthy, although they approved heartily of the proposed confidential bureau in the inspector's office. This arrangement was scored by the mayor, however.

Attacked Utterances.

Nothing further developed, however, until last night's session when Ald. Greer flayed public utterances in the press from the mayor, who charged that the relief department existed "in theory only." Ald. Greer moved what practically constituted a "want of confidence" motion in the mayor, demanding that the council pass a vote of confidence in the inspector. The chairman of the works committee withdrew this motion after a hot debate, and the mayor "carried the war into Egypt" when he suspended Inspector McCallum.

It is the general opinion of the city hall that the concrete investigation of the mayor's charges, now inevitable, will clear the air for all time.

Mayor Wenige's formal notice of suspension follows:

J. W. McCallum, Relief and License Inspector.

"Dear Sir:—This is to advise you that from now on you are relieved of your duties as relief officer and license inspector."

GEO. WENIGE, Mayor.

Inspector McCallum has motioned to say for publication other than to express complete willingness that the question should be thoroughly discussed by the committee of investigation.

WRIT IS ISSUED.

Thomas A. Stevens has issued a supreme court writ against John J. Kenny of Port Stanley. The plaintiff claims that the defendant has entered into a partnership agreement with the defendant since May 11, 1920, and asks for a dissolution of same and for an accounting. The writ also seeks for an injunction restraining the defendant from transferring his shares in the Port Stanley Creamery Co. Ltd.

AUDIT COMMITTEE TO MEET.

The audit committee of the board of education will meet this afternoon to pass on the accounts before presenting them to the board on Thursday.

Cane Comes Back To City As Adornment For Spring

Male Fashions Call For "Stick" As Part of Equipment.

BRINGS HAPPINESS

Haberdashers in an Optimistic Mood Explain Points in Possessing Club.

"Wear a cane" is the latest slogan adopted by local men's fashions. According to male fashions designers in New York, every well-dressed individual must sport a walking stick this spring, and in anticipation of a vogue for them, a local haberdasher put in an order for 500 yesterday.

Since the war the use of canes has diminished considerably, the merchant in question pointed out. A strong comeback is to be registered this spring, however, and the cane will become as popular with the brutal sex as the bob with the gentle ones.

The wearing of a cane is no more affectation than the wearing of a straw hat, the aggressive local cane specialist said. "It is a splendid convenience, and gives one an air of confidence. A psychologist said recently that men who carry canes are happier and more optimistic than those who don't. If this isn't the best evidence as to a cane's worth, I don't know what is."

The average cane has a long variety of uses. As a means to satisfy that nervous desire to keep your hands occupied, it is invaluable. It can also be used as a prop (when needed), and when a man is attacked by an enterprising stranger, it comes handy as a club.

HEARTH LEAGUE CHAMP COMES GALLOPIN' HOME

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the race. Well, it was worth that much to the half dozen spectators who peered through the netting and crouched on the sidelines when the performance was on. But to the contestants the honor of the old brickyard league was at stake, a thing that cannot be measured like the length of a horse with a tape measure. Honor, reputation, prestige, and the glory of the thing hung heavily in the balance.

Arriving at the rink—that's a good way to start—the contestants at once donned their skating uniforms. This consisted of taking off their overcoats and wondering how in thunder the skates were fastened on.

Preliminaries Over.

These preliminaries being over, the weighing-in duties were attended to and a document signed freeing the arena backers from any damages to contestants, the ice or the building. The official photographer of the Advertiser was present, and Tony Tillmann brought the glad tidings of instruction as to how to double over and look as though they were going to start in a race.

The trouble was that they couldn't stay doubled long enough for the camera man to get his tinsamag right, so he had to take them as they were. The official referee, armed as we stated afore with an alarm clock, gonged a nick in the side of the rink, and declared the race to be on, victory to rest with the man who went around the most times in the shortest space. Cutting corners or using artificial means of propulsion during the race were strictly barred.

So there they go, Trebilcock taking a very cautious lead, making the corners foot over foot, and with a stride down the side lines that looked like Mark Anthony preparing to deliver his famous oration, "If you have tears, prepare to shed them now."

Close Behind.

Steve Mabree ran true to form, keeping close behind his leader, looking for the moment at which to unhook a burst of speed, that would look like Zev, tying Papyrus to the barnyard door. Twice around and the burst came. Negotiating a corner the financier had in mind a couple of fancy strokes that used to win pink pickle dishes in the early '80's. The trouble was that these motions call for throwing both feet high in the air, and jumping over the head of the man in the lead. It's a nice trick if it is well done, but something went wrong. The feet went high into the air all right, but they didn't make the landing according to the rules. Undisturbed by the performance, the steaming Trebilcock gracefully down the side, and the race was over.

The contestants shook hands, left the ice, and the rafters resumed the popular afternoon sport.

ONTARIO LIVE STOCK TRAIN COMING HERE

Will Be On C. N. R. Siding at Clarence Street On March 21.

The Ontario government "Better Live Stock" train will be on the C. N. R. siding at Clarence street on the afternoon of March 21, according to information received by R. A. Finn, department of agriculture.

The train is made up of fourteen cars. Car number one will house bulls brought to the local railway station by breeders, who will hustle them home again if they do not make a sale. Number 2 is a feed car, while three and four will contain demonstration dairy and beef bulls. Other cars will house market steers, dairy cows, sheep, poultry, poultry, milk and milk products, and two lecture coaches.

R. W. Wade of Toronto is general superintendent of the train, which starts out from Essex on March 10, and concludes its tour on April 24 at Sudbury.



COL. CHARLES R. FORBES.

former head of the U. S. veterans' board, asserts there is a "hell-engendered conspiracy" to ruin his honor. Forbes claims he is the victim of a "frame-up" and states he could name "a high individual unofficially connected with the government," who, he charges, laid the plot.

Church News

MISSIONARY PROGRAM.

A missionary program, presided over by Miss Jessie Robins, was carried out at last night's meeting of the Young People's Society of First Congregational Church. Miss Robins read an interesting letter on African missions, and a paper on missions in the Canadian Northwest, prepared by Mrs. Richardson of Toronto, was read by Miss Irene Smart. An appropriate solo was given by Carmen Farrow. At a short business meeting, the society arranged to purchase an illustrated bulletin board for the church.

CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOR.

Miss Hilda Versey conducted a mission meeting of the Christian Endeavor Society of the Church of Christ, Disciples, last evening. The topic was "In His Steps," dealing with happiness as a part of Christ's teaching, and it was conducted in the form of a testimony meeting. An appropriate solo was given by E. P. Versey. The members spent ten minutes singing "pop" songs for the coming rally in St. Thomas.

COLBORNE ST. LEAGUE.

A devotional program was carried out at last night's meeting of the Epworth League of Colborne Street Methodist Church, with Mr. Russell Hicks presiding. Mr. John Elliot discussed a chapter from the study book, "What and Where is God?"

MAITLAND ST. B. Y. P. U.

"Happiness" was the topic at last night's meeting of Maitland Street B. Y. P. U. Miss Phyllis Kennedy presided, and the topic was introduced by an address by Mr. James Gibson. It was also dealt with in papers by Harry Watson and Mr. Ashdown. Solos by Miss Kennedy and Mr. Gilmore were pleasing features.

HYATT AVENUE LEAGUE.

Miss Tisdale was in charge of the meeting of Hyatt Avenue Epworth League last night. Miss Lillian Hoffman dealt with a chapter of the study book, "The Manhood of the Water," and this was followed by discussion. Miss Ethel Hutchinson gave a solo.

ASKIN ST. EPWORTH LEAGUE.

Miss Lillian Robins presided over the meeting of Askin Street Epworth League last night, at which Mrs. McCall spoke on "How to Make the Most of Your Home." The program included a reading by Helen Baker and a violin solo by Florence West, with piano accompaniment by Miss Verna Dobbey.

TALBOT STREET B. Y. P. U.

Rev. Dr. Bowley Green conducted the meeting of the B. Y. P. U. of Talbot Street Church last night, continuing in a special address for the young people the "evangelical service" which have been held during the past few weeks. Miss Gladys Wainwright gave an appropriate solo.

WELLINGTON ST. LEAGUE.

Mrs. Fred Morris was in charge of the Young People's Society of Wellington Street Church at the regular meeting last night. Mrs. Morris gave a talk on "Consecration," the subject of the evening. A consecration service later was conducted by the pastor, Rev. George T. Watts.

YOUNG PEOPLE'S SERVICE.

Special evangelical meetings commenced at Ridout Street Methodist Church last night with a service for young people. The address was given by Rev. H. J. Uren, pastor of Colborne Street Methodist Church, who assisted Rev. J. A. Agnew of Ridout Street in conducting the service.

HALE STREET LEAGUE.

Mr. Everett McKenzie led a meeting of Hale Street Epworth League last evening. The topic was taken by Mr. J. M. Poole, who gave an address on work in relation to life and happiness. Miss Marion Forester read the Bible lesson.

ALL SAINTS' A. Y. P. A.

All Saints' A. Y. P. A. were disappointed in one feature of their program last evening, as the expected guests the A. Y. P. A. from Thompson were unable to come. The program, however, was greatly enjoyed by the members. Groups games were led by E. Boyce and prizes won by Mr. Mason and Miss Thompson. At a short business meeting, early in the evening, it was decided to visit in a body the Local Council rally which is being held next Monday night in St. Matthew's Church.

ST. JAMES A. Y. P. A.

A novel program was arranged for last night's meeting of the A. Y. P. A. of St. James' Church. It was in the form of a "Children's Party," and all the guests appeared in children's dress, and played children games. Mr. John Liddle was in charge, and under his direction, the program was most successfully carried out. Refreshments at the conclusion were in charge of Miss Ethel Oliver and Miss Evelyn Wood.

COLLEGIATES ARE AGAIN INSPECTED

I. M. Levan of Government Department Looking Over Institutions in City.

London's collegiate institutes are having still another inspection, I. M. Levan of the department of education, Toronto, conducting his regular visit to this city.

This morning Mr. Levan spent at the London South Collegiate, but when seen after his return from the school, he did not express any opinion on the local situation.

Mr. Levan stated that he was on a regular inspection, and that although he might form several conclusions, and might make recommendations to the department on his return to Toronto, he did not feel at liberty to make any statements for publication, feeling that he would exceed his authority if he did so.

Principal T. S. H. Graham of the South Collegiate, however, stated that Mr. Levan considered that building inadequate for use as a collegiate, but further than that he would not go. As it happened Mr. Graham, in addition to showing other defects in the building, was able to point out a large pool of water on the upper floor of the building where the melting snow and rain had leaked through.

Dr. A. Grant, chairman of the collegiate committee, stated that he had not yet had any conference with Mr. Levan, but that the inspector would make a report at the board meeting on Thursday, at which is expected he will support the board in their contention that the present units in London East and South are totally inadequate for collegiate purposes.

FARMERS DELIGHTED WITH THE RAINFALL

Conditions in Country Will Be Greatly Improved by Downpour.

While city people are frowning on the rain drops, farmers are more than pleased. Barn wells throughout the city, and the slight rain, dry farmers state, and they have been waiting anxiously for a nice heavy downpour.

Road conditions are almost impossible visitors at the city weigh scales office reported, and their statements were backed up by County Engineer Charles Talbot. "Conditions will be very bad on the country roads as a result of the rain," stated the engineer. "There is from two to four feet of snow on the highways, and the slight rain will run through the slush. The roads will be pretty well impassable for both sleighs and wagons, while motor cars won't have a chance at all."

OVERDRAFT UNLIKELY, TREASURER ANNOUNCES

James Bell Presages Good News For Citizens From Accounts at Hand.

City Treasurer James Bell had some reassuring news for citizens today. From such accounts as he has at his disposal, from the various sources of revenue, he does not anticipate any overdraft for 1923.

At least, if one should be encountered when he has his final figures for the year, he will reach any alarming proportions, he is confident. He stresses that the situation is not going to be nearly as black as was painted around election time, when \$40,000 and \$50,000 deficits were forecast.

The treasurer's reckoning does not, of course, include the city's suit against the McCormick Manufacturing Company, an effort to levy additional school taxes. The judgment in this case is still withheld in Toronto by Mr. Justice Kelly, and if the city loses, it will mean that about \$30,000 will have to be provided for in this year's estimates.

Aside from this possibility, however, the prospect is bright, Mr. Bell assures.

DISTRIBUTE TICKETS FOR SHRINERS' CIRCUS

Ladies' Popularity Contest To Be Explained at Thursday Night Dinner.

Harry Morgan and his committee have been busy for the past week getting admission tickets for the Shrine Circus ready for distribution to city and out-of-town members. Some tickets have already been placed for sale and the returns are very encouraging.

A dinner will be held at the Teacup House on Thursday at 6:30 for all contestants entering the popularity contest, when Chairman Edwin Smith will explain the details. The valuable prizes are now on display in the window of John A. Nash, My Jeweller.

This contest is open to all the ladies of Western Ontario.

WILL CONSIDER ACCOUNTS.

Construction accounts for the year 1924 will be one of the matters to be taken up at Thursday's meeting of the utilities commission, this having been laid over from the last meeting. The question of water rates will also be discussed.

LOAN ASSOCIATION MEETS.

The Elfrid Farm Loan Association held a meeting in the town hall at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday afternoon to consider a number of loans to farmers of the district. Richard Code, president of the association, presided, while Jack Andrews of the local branch of the department of agriculture, represented the Ontario Government.



DEATH CLOSES PARTNERSHIP.

Mrs. Lois Selfridge, whose death occurred in London, England, recently, in her nineteenth year, is shown above with her great-grandchild, offspring of Vicomte Jacques de Sibour and Madame Sibour, who, before her marriage, was Miss Violet Selfridge. It was largely owing to the courage and devotion of the late Mrs. Selfridge that her son Gordon, after having toiled as a bank clerk and lawyer in Michigan, became one of the leading merchant princes of Chicago and, later, of London.

MAYOR SAYS TELEPHONE COUNCIL MUST PASS REPLIES DISCOURTEOUS ON CUNLIFF POSITION

Wenige Complains Because of Alleged Incivility by Government Employees.

It was reported to The Advertiser today from federal representatives that Mayor Wenige had been complaining of the telephone service in that department.

This department does not fall within the jurisdiction of the city council, the mayor insists, when questioned today in this regard that as a public institution, civility and courtesy was to be expected. "I did complain," the mayor stated, "about the way somebody there answered the telephone when I called up the other day."

LONDON'S AID SOUGHT IN HIGHWAY PROTEST

C. of C. Discusses Galt Resolution, Objecting to Present Tax System.

A resolution from the Galt Chamber of Commerce, pointing out that in their opinion that it was unfair property holders in cities who do not own motor cars and otherwise do not use the provincial highways should pay for the upkeep of the highways, was received by the local chamber of commerce and discussed this afternoon at their weekly meeting.

The resolution, should it receive the support of Ontario cities, will be sent to the provincial government. The members of the Galt chamber claim the government should relieve the cities of the province from paying any portion of the cost of a provincial highway.

Several members of the local chamber claimed that the amount of business brought to the city through the highways was sufficient to make it a good business proposition and for the city to pay its share.

The resolution was laid over for further consideration.

REV. M. KELLY ACCEPTS CALL FROM INDIANA

Resignation of Popular First Congregational Pastor Is Accepted With Regret.

Accepting a call from an Indiana church, Rev. Matthew Kelly, for the past five years pastor of First Congregational Church, has tendered his resignation, to take effect the last Sunday of this month.

Mr. Kelly received a call from the Bethel Congregational Church, West Terre Haute, last fall, but declined at the time, preferring to stay in this city. The call was recently renewed, however, and Mr. Kelly decided to accept the second invitation. His resignation was accepted only by his congregation, but in the ministerial work of the city, in which he has been most active, he has been particularly concerned with the work of the religious educational council and was, two years ago, president of the Ministerial Alliance. His new duties commence the first Sunday in April.

ADDITIONAL WINNERS ARE ANNOUNCED IN CONTEST

Additional winners in the Rimon Navarro and Rudolph Valentin popularity contest are announced by the management of Loew's Theatre, and each successful contestant will receive a pair of tickets entitling them to witness the performance free.

The successful ones are: D. Cohen, 112 Simcoe street; Billy Gregory, 787 William street; Mary Burch, 428 Adelaide street; Louis E. Hackett, 294 Talbot street; Mrs. C. Tezzin, 28 Wharncliffe road; K. Leed, 278 Hamilton road; Mrs. James R. R. T. London Township; H. E. Field, 873 Eglar street; J. E. Saunders, 848 Baskin street; and Mr. Pleafance 1065 Dundas street.

CHECKING UP INCOMES.

City authorities report that the federal authorities are checking up all income returns for school teachers and other city employees.

FACULTY PLANS TO MAKE SUMMER SCHOOL BEST YET

Free Lectures and Varied Recreations Will Be Available at University.

BULLETINS SENT OUT

The faculty of the University of Western Ontario Summer School plans to make this year's session the most successful ever held. Hundreds of bulletins, giving complete data regarding the school were sent out this morning from the registrar's office to teachers of public and high schools in Western Ontario, who have not attained their degree.

This year's summer session, according to Dr. H. R. Kingston, director, has one of the most efficient staff of instructors and professors of any summer university in Canada. The forthcoming session will be the seventh of the university, and will commence on Monday, June 30.

A series of general lectures, free of charge, for summer school students are inclined to believe that there is ample need for an increase in the personnel as stressed by Fire Chief John Aitken.

Recreations of various kinds will be available for the students on the university campus and at different centers in the city. Tennis, bowling and golf as well as the usual gymnasium activities, will be open to those interested and tours through some of London's industrial plants and trips to out-of-town plants of interest are planned according to the calendar. The social and recreation features will constitute an important part of the summer's program, according to Dr. Kingston.

COMMITTEE MAY MAKE PROVISION FOR FIREMEN

It is all probability the members of the finance committee, will, at their special session tomorrow, make provision in their estimates for an additional fireman, Ald. Douglas, chairman, stated.

Following their inspection of the entire department Sunday, the members are inclined to believe that there is ample need for an increase in the personnel as stressed by Fire Chief John Aitken.

Mayor Wenige opposes this move, however, giving assurance that he will fight it in the committee and council.

ISSUES WRIT FOR \$566.45.

Ignatius Mahony of this city has obtained a writ of habeas corpus against Murphy, Gund and Murphy against John Corman of Sudbury for return of \$566.45 alleged to be due in connection with the sale of a parcel of land in Wayne, Mich. The plaintiff alleges he paid the price of the land in full but never received the conveyance to the property.

WORTH OF UNITED WELFARE FUND LAUDED BY MRS. A. T. EDWARDS.

The services of the London Day Nursery have been in particularly strong demand this winter, according to Mrs. A. T. Edwards, chairman of the house committee. The work of the Day Nursery or Creche consists of providing a place where mothers who are compelled to leave their children while they are away at work. This enables the widowed mother to keep the home together and is also a great boon to the deserted wife who is faced with the problem of providing for herself and little ones. During the winter months it also quite frequently happens that the breadwinner of the family is unable to obtain employment and the wife is forced to go out to work. The Day Nursery has solved such problems this winter, Mrs. Edwards stated. "If we were in fact, we hope that if a campaign is held this year, it will meet with the same generous response from all citizens as in the past."

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