

POLICE ERA TIME IT HAS \$10,000 OVERDRAFT

POLICE COMMISSIONERS EXCEEDED THEIR GRANT

Spent Almost Up to Their Estimate Last Year Despite Council's Cut of Ten Per Cent—1923 Estimates Sent Back in Consequence.

SPENT FOR MORE CONSTABLES, SAY MEMBERS

Police commission expenditure for 1922 available at the city hall this morning reveal an overdraft of approximately \$10,000.

It was to obtain this information that the city council in session last night referred back the police commissioners' estimates for 1923.

City Treasurer James Bell explained the situation to The Advertiser today. "There was an overdraft of about \$10,000," he stated. "Every one will remember the big drive for reductions last spring and how the police commission estimates were cut 10 per cent."

"The first estimate submitted was \$129,476.81. Then this was cut to \$105,873.81. You will notice that the expenditure, however, was \$115,000."

From the city treasurer's statement, it is self-evident that the police commissioners proceeded to spend an amount, almost totalling their original estimate which had been reduced 10 per cent by the city council.

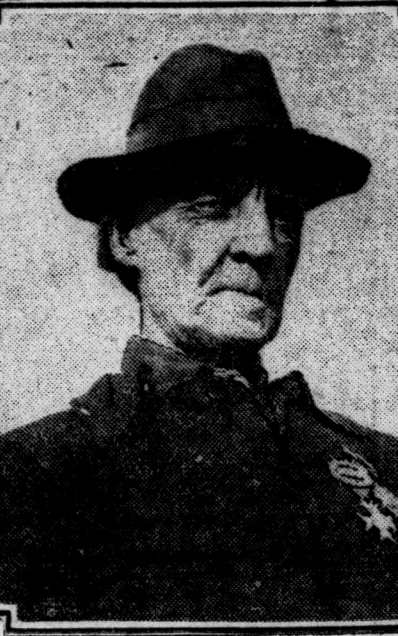
was occasioned has yet to be seen. In any event the 1923 estimates decline to pass upon the new estimates until they have at their disposal a detailed statement of the year's expenditures.

Mayor Wenige gave assurance today that this would be forthcoming without delay, and without another special session of the commissioners.

The police commission is not the only spending body to exceed the 1922 estimates, as was ascertained at last night's meeting, and which prompted the vehement exclamation from Ald. P. J. Watt that the various bodies should be taught "to live within their means."

"They will all have to have a real lesson in economy," agreed Mayor Wenige. "This is 1923 and the tax rate must be lowered below 34.9 points."

The 1923 police estimates include the probable cost of a new patrol conveyance, Chief Birrell maintaining that the present patrol is of ancient vintage and long since ready for replacement. Additional motorcycle equipment is also sought and pay and clothing allowances for two extra police constables has also been placed in the new request.



CANADA'S ANCIENT NOBLESSE.

According to the Count de Fronsac, those whose photographs are shown above are descended from the ancient noblesse of Canada, and are entitled to wear certain medals as such. On the left is Miss Jacqueline Dumaresq of Halifax, who wears the Arvan and Seigneurial Order, said to have been founded in the 16th century by the Spanish emperor. On the right is Miss Zoe Pinel of St. Anne de la Pocatiere, whose ancestor, Louis Joliet, discovered the Mississippi. She wears the Dorchester Medal. In the center is the Count de Fronsac himself. He wears the Dorchester Medal and the Seigneurial Order.

MAY NOT REDUCE THIS YEAR'S RATE TO 1922 FIGURES

City Treasurer Bell Is Rather Doubtful That Mayor Can Attain His Goal.

MUCH TO BE MADE UP

Despite Slashing of All Estimates City Tax Rate May Exceed 34.9 Mills.

Day by day Mayor Wenige waxes more and more enthusiastic relative to the 1923 tax rate. City Treasurer Bell, however, does not share his optimism.

"It looks all right," his worship stated this morning, as he reviewed the slashing of the previous evening. "We must lower the 1922 rate. It must be struck below 34.9 mills."

Commenting briefly upon the board of education situation, the mayor was of the opinion that the majority of the aldermen were viewing the question in much the same light as himself—eliminate the building program, unless there is any money available for a London West public school, after the tax rate has been driven down to a reasonable figure."

This worship is also inclined to think that in many instances the school trustees accept "recommendations" from the provincial department of education as "orders."

As he reviews the progress to date, the city treasurer fails to see just how the 34.9 mill rate will be lowered, despite the consistent slashing of estimates during the past few hours.

He submitted to The Advertiser the following figures, rounded up, revealing the thousands of dollars overdraft that must be met this year.

"The city is allowed," he explained, "the additional sum for expenditure of \$131,709.99, possible by the increased assessment and in the event that the rate remained as in 1922. Against this we have already \$71,000 from the board of education. Then there is the police commission overdraft of \$10,000, and the 1922 city council overdraft of \$31,000, of which \$15,000 went to the Byron Sanatorium and \$16,000 for new fire department equipment."

"With this must be added \$13,000 for suburban roads, while there will be another sum for the federal department. Roughly, this totals \$162,000 (and there are other smaller items), as against the \$131,000. I am certainly dubious today as to the possibilities of a lowered tax rate."

"There are, of course, it is pointed out, drastic measures that may be employed to lower the rate, at all costs, and there was a murmur—just a faint whisper, as it were—that the \$55,000 grant to the Western University could be curtailed this year.

As would be anticipated, such procedure would precipitate a controversy that would undoubtedly rage for months, and would not, in the minds of the city authorities, be in the best interests of London.

WILL LEAVE THE DECISION WITH PEOPLE AT THE POLLS

School Trustee Silverwood Will Not Resign Following Council's Cut of Estimates, But Will Await Ballot Box Verdict on East London Collegiate Institute.

Now that the board of education has learned just what way the wind is blowing in the city council, and by their experiences of last night have become more or less convinced that the city fathers will not sanction expenditures for the building of a new Collegiate Institute in the east end of the city, the question arises just what does A. E. Silverwood, chairman of the collegiate committee of the board, intend to do?

Mr. Silverwood informed The Advertiser this morning that he did not intend to resign his position on the board if the council refused to permit the building of a new high school.

Not many days since, Mr. Silverwood was quoted as saying that he would resign his position on the board if the council refused to permit the building of a new high school.

Mr. Silverwood's attitude is one of resignation, he says, but he is not going to resign. He is going to leave the decision with the people at the polls.

Mr. Udy, chairman of the board, however, is more inclined to let matters rest. He personally does not favor going to the polls. The responsibility, he says, lies with the city council. If, to save a few dollars, they are willing to sacrifice the chances for success of several hundred children, they may do it.

"As far as we are concerned," he continued, "we will have to make the best of it if the council refuses to grant a new school. Almost 275 pupils will be without accommodation next fall if more room is not provided. We have no policy, but we will try and place a secondary class in one of the public schools if space will allow. Failing this, these children will be forced to the streets. It will be a question of first come, first served. We will have to lock the doors when the classes are filled."

Mr. Silverwood is anxious for the people to understand that the board merely desires to replace the accommodation destroyed by the collegiate fire. In the old school were 46 rooms already overcrowded. The city council has sanctioned bonds to cover the cost of erecting a new 10-room school building, providing in all 26 rooms. The fire came and everything was wiped out. Now with 50 more pupils the city has only 100 rooms to accommodate them. The others are crowded here and there in old buildings. Even these old buildings will not meet the demand.

Both Mr. Udy and Mr. Silverwood chose to ignore the charges made by Mr. Palmer. "There are many things that could be said, but it would be out of place to make reply last night," Mr. Silverwood said.

Both were certain that no graft had ever emanated from the members of the board, and they said they would welcome any investigation the city council or any other body chose to make.

SCHOOL CHILDREN AS TRAFFIC "COPS" ARE PROBABLY

Trustees Favor Scheme Suggested by London Motor Club.

WILL BE DISCUSSED

Question To Be Introduced at Next Meeting of Board of Education.

On the shoulders of the older boys in the higher grades of public schools will fall the responsibility of protecting younger pupils if the board of education carries out a plan which will be discussed at its regular meeting on Thursday afternoon next.

The London Motor Club decided at its last executive meeting to ask the board to appoint the oldest and most responsible boys in the senior classes as traffic officers at street intersections in the neighborhood of the school, immediately after classes are dismissed at noon and in the afternoon.

The suggestion meets with the approval of every school trustee interviewed by The Advertiser, and it is more than likely that it will find a majority when it is brought to a vote. The question will probably be introduced either by Trustee Mrs. J. I. A. Hunt or Trustee Edwin Smith.



Queen Alexandra of Denmark, who will celebrate her silver wedding soon, has undergone a serious operation successfully.

PLAN POWER SYSTEM OVER MANY STATES

Governor Pinchot of Pennsylvania Launches Gigantic Project.

Special to The Advertiser.

Harrisburg, Pa., March 7.—Preliminary plans for the development of a great power system, involving a transmission network covering the whole north-eastern section of the United States, and the eventual electrification of all railroads and industries in that area, were launched today under the direction of Governor Pinchot of Pennsylvania.

The first step was to be the creation of a Pennsylvania commission to make a survey of the situation, and to report on the most feasible preliminary measures to be taken to get the enterprise under way. Pinchot has asked the legislature for an appropriation to finance the initial work of the commission.

Aroused Hearing Story Aided 'Dry's'

Author of "Face on Barroom Floor" Celebrates Birthday.

Associated Press Despatch.

New York, March 7.—The "Face on the Barroom Floor," the pathetic recitation that, thrilled the hearts of another generation, was written as an admonition to rough and ready bartenders to go easy with the ragged stranger, and not as a tirade against rum. The author, Hugh Antoine D'Arcy, supplied this information today to a party celebrating his 80th birthday. He nearly choked when it was pointed out that the recitation had been used by the prohibitionists as a plea for their cause. He had believed to have been written as an argument against rum.

"I hope it never helped prohibition," he snarled, "but it certainly had. I would jump into the Hudson!"

SIX SEEK NOMINATION AS DETROIT'S MAYOR

Associated Press Despatch.

Detroit, March 7.—Nomination of two candidates for mayor, one of whom will be elected in April to fill the unexpired term of James Couzens, now United States senator, held chief interest for Detroit voters in the spring primary. There were six candidates for the mayoral nomination, including James W. Inghes, police commissioner under Mr. Couzens; Arthur E. Wood, state senator; and Frank E. Doremus, former congressman.

The voters also had before them a proposal to raise the salary of the mayor from \$8,000 to \$12,000 a year.

FIND HEAD OF A MAN AFLOAT IN LAKE MICHIGAN

Chicago, March 7.—The bodiless head of a man was found floating in Lake Michigan off the Chicago waterfront yesterday afternoon. Boys throwing stones at floats discovered it. There were no means of ready identification.

CITY CHAMPIONS LEAVE TO BATTLE FOR LONDON BILL

Hint of Mysterious Opposition to Council's Legislation Proposals for 1923.

READY FOR COMBAT

City of London Bill To Come Before Private Bills Committee Tomorrow.

Threatened opposition to the City of London Bill, on three counts, prompted the departure for Toronto today of Mayor Wenige and Ald. Albert Judd, chairman of the finance committee, and City Solicitor Meredith.

While the city authorities are at a loss to determine the source of the movement, and entertain suspicions only, they announce that it has been brought to their attention that parties, yet unknown, are preparing to fight at a session tomorrow of the private bills committee of the legislature against the passage of all city property adjoining the federal square; the city's proposal to guarantee \$150,000 bonds for the construction of a new Western Fair building, and lastly, to prevent any grant to the Western University without a vote of the people. In the last instance, the city council has already resolved, at the instigation of Ald. McKay, to favor the Western University appeal, upon the understanding that in future all grants over \$25,000 shall go to the people. In the other cases, the London representatives are going prepared to battle against all comers, irrespective of their identity.

That the successful passage of the proposed sale of a portion of the so-called federal square may mean the early construction of a new city hall or a new theatre, seems quite possible, from Mayor Wenige's attitude today.

While declining to commit himself in this connection, his worship pointed out that with such cash as is available, a suitable building could be started, pending the satisfactory sale of the federal square. It would not be necessary to complete the structure in 1923, he points out. In other words, it is quite plain that the mayor and his associates are up to their eyes in the matter.

FIND SHERIFFS' BODIES UNDER COW'S CARCASS

State Slayings Confess and Lead Officers to the Burial Spot.

Associated Press Despatch.

Franklin, La., March 7.—The bodies of Sheriff Crain and William Pierce, deputy sheriffs, slain Saturday by moonshiners, were found early today buried in mud and covered with the carcass of a dead cow. They were found in the vicinity of a destroyed building, and the officers, the swampy about eight miles from here. The slayers, John Murphy and Gideon Roster, moonshiners, have confessed and led the officers to the burial spot. It was announced by District Judge Prentiss B. Clark. They had previously been rounded up with ten others and placed in jail by a posse of about 800 armed men, who had beat the woods and swamps for several days.

NEW ENGLAND IS IN GRIP OF SEVERE SNOWSTORM

Associated Press Despatch.

Boston, Mass., March 7.—New England today was in the grip of one of the worst snowstorms of the winter. All night long the snow was driven before a high north east wind, and this afternoon it was falling as fast as ever.

THE WEATHER

FORECASTS.			
Northerly winds, generally fair and cold tonight and on Thursday.			
The southern disturbance is now centered near Nantucket, and a fairly heavy snowfall has occurred in Southern and Eastern Ontario and Western Quebec, and is now spreading into the Maritime Provinces.			
In the West the weather has been mostly fair and cold.			
Temperatures.			
The highest and lowest temperatures during the 24 hours previous to 8 a.m. today were:			
Stations.	High.	Low.	Weather.
Victoria	46	38	Rain.
Calgary	46	14	Cloudy.
Winnipeg	42	12	Cloudy.
Port Arthur	28	0	Cloudy.
Sault Ste. Marie	24	14	Fair.
Toronto	26	24	Snow.
Kingston	24	8	Snow.
Ottawa	16	8	Snow.
Montreal	12	6	Snow.
Quebec	12	4	Snow.
Father Point	12	2	Cloudy.
St. John	18	8	Snow.
Halifax	22	8	Fair.
Minus (—) means below zero.			
LOCAL TEMPERATURES.			
The highest and lowest temperatures recorded in London during the 24 hours previous to 8 o'clock last night were: Highest, 26; lowest, 19.			
The official temperatures for the 12 hours previous to 8 a.m. today were: Highest, 26; lowest, 14.			
Barometric Readings.			
Tuesday—8 p.m., 28.72.			
Today—8 a.m., 28.73.			

EX-LONDONER FALLS TO DEATH IN BUFFALO

George Warren Was at One Time Commercial Operator at C.N.W. Office.

Canadian Press Despatch.

Hamilton, March 7.—George Warren, who fell several stories to his death in a Buffalo hotel on Saturday, when he opened a wrong door, has been identified as Harry Rowntree, brother of J. D. Rowntree, 23 East avenue north, operator for the Canadian National Railway here. His father also resides in Hamilton. J. D. Rowntree stated that his brother, 35 years old, was employed by a firm of Niagara Falls, N. Y., stockbrokers.

George Warren worked on vacation relief in London some two years ago, and was commercial operator at G. N. W. here at one time.

POLICEMAN INJURED IN HOTEL GUN FIGHT

Four. Held in Cleveland. Thought To Have Criminal Records.

Associated Press Despatch.

Cleveland, Ohio, March 7.—Police-man John P. Saxton is fighting for his life in a hospital today, while police hold his assailant and three other men, thought to have long criminal records, after a case of mistaken identity led to a gunfight in the Ansonia Hotel, shortly after midnight.

The man who did the shooting gave the name of Joseph Rich, 23, of New York city, and said he was under sentence of three years in Sing Sing, N. Y., penitentiary for burglary, but escaped before serving the term. He said he thought Saxton was going to arrest him for his former offense. As a matter of fact Saxton simply sought to search him in the enforcement of the liquor law.

HUNDREDS OF BULGARS DIE FIGHTING SLAVS

Irregulars Advance Across the Serbian Border to Plunder Towns.

Special to The Advertiser.

Belgrade, March 7.—Two hundred and seventy Bulgarian "Commitadistas" have been killed and a large number taken prisoner in fighting with Jugo-Slav troops along the Serbian border, it was announced today.

The Bulgarian irregulars, numbering about 1,500, are reported advancing across the border near Tatarskou Stele. Jugo-Slav reinforcements have been ordered up to repulse the invaders.

Jugo-Slavia has made representation to the League of Nations concerning activities of outlaw bands harassing the border towns.

MRS. DAVIS FOUND GUILTY, SENTENCED TO ONE MONTH

Associated Press Despatch.

Hamilton, March 7.—Mrs. Annie Davis, 16 Division street, was found guilty today by Magistrate Jefferson and sentenced to one month in jail. It was charged that she set fire to a house and then attempted to obtain \$1,150 insurance by fraud. The deputy fire marshal stated that he did not desire to have the woman severely punished, but did desire some punishment as an example. Magistrate Jeff. imposed a sentence of six months, but later reduced it to one month.

Too Busy Just Now But Won't Forget

Mayor Will Keep the School Board Probe in Mind.

Mayor Wenige declines to comment at any length upon the demand from ex-Alderman Adam Palmer for a "complete investigation of the board of education activities during the past four or five years."

"We will not ignore the request," he states today, "but we are too busy at this moment. My head is full of estimates and the tax rate. Let us get that over with the first."

His worship commented briefly upon Mr. Palmer's charges. "Well, he made himself clear, at any rate," he said. "There should be no doubt in anyone's mind as to what he said."

NINE INCHES SNOW IN TORONTO

Canadian Press Despatch.

Toronto, Ont., March 7.—Nine inches of snow fell during the storm which raged most of last night accompanied by a wind which at times reached 41 miles an hour. These figures were announced by officials at the observatory this morning.

Thermometer Is Smashed By Girl's High Temperature

Doctors Baffled by Peculiar Malady—Instrument Registers 114 Degrees—Patient Found Cooling Self in Snow.

Associated Press Despatch.

Escanaba, Mich., March 7.—Efforts to take the temperature yesterday of Miss Evelyn Lyons, whose strange case has baffled science by her retention for two weeks of a temperature of 114 degrees, failed when the attending physician's thermometer burst. Miss Lyons complained to Dr. H. P. Defent, her doctor, that she felt more feverish. Medical thermometers are not graduated above 114-degrees, but Dr. Defent attempted to take the girl's temperature with one which has been equipped with emergency markings above that point.

The attempt failed when the expanding mercury reached the top of the tube and the end of Dr. Defent estimated the girl's temperature today at 113 degrees.

Despite her strange malady, the girl remains rational, with a good appetite and resents orders to remain in bed. She is being closely watched since she disappeared last week and was found later lying in a snowbank in an alley where, she explained, she had gone to cool off.

SUMMON LABOR PARTY TO SELECT CANDIDATES

Expect to Secure Several Seats in Northern Ontario in Provincial Election.

Canadian Press Despatch.

Hamilton, Ont., March 7.—For the purpose of selecting candidates to contest the principal seats in the coming elections, the Independent Labor Party of Ontario has issued a call to convention in Brantford on Good Friday, March 30. Delegates from every provincial branch were urged to be present, in the circular letter issued by the party, especially from Northern Ontario, in which field it was predicted many labor members would likely be elected to the House.

The circular was signed by President A. C. Stewart and Secretary B. Furey. It was also urged in the circular that the coming elections would be contested in every field of the province with the utmost vigor. Miss Mary MacNab and Alex. Boyd, of the east end I. L. P., were selected as delegates from that branch.

IS ARGENTINA A MEMBER OF LEAGUE OF NATIONS?

Associated Press Despatch.

Buenos Aires, March 7.—The retirement of the Argentine delegation from the assembly of the League of Nations in December, 1919, did not imply the withdrawal of Argentina from the league itself, in the opinion of Foreign Minister Gallardo.

The minister's views were submitted to the budget committee of the Chamber of Deputies last evening, when he presented the statement of Argentina's unpaid quota of the league's expenses.

Meanwhile, it is announced that President Alvear will hold a cabinet meeting to decide Argentina's future relations with the league.

VESSEL GOES AGROUND, CREW OF TEN IS SAVED

Four-Masted Schooner Was Bound From Boston For Norfolk.

Associated Press Despatch.

Boston, March 7.—Wind was received here today that the four-masted schooner Augusta G. Hilton, bound from Boston for Norfolk, light, had gone aground a mile west of Cape Cod light in Kings Bay. The seven men comprising the crew were saved.

CANADIAN WILL DIRECT EXHIBITION CONCERTS

Associated Press Despatch.

London, March 7.—Dr. Charles Harris, formerly musical director of McGill University, Montreal, has been appointed musical director and conductor of the concerts to be held in the stadium at the British Empire Exhibition in 1924. The chorus at these concerts will consist of 10,000 voices, and there will be 500 pieces in the orchestra.

The exhibition stadium will have a seating capacity of 120,000.

GOOD DOG COSTS TWICE AS MUCH AS FAIR BRIDE

Chicago, March 7.—Marriage licenses cost \$1.50 and dog licenses \$3. County Treasurer Carr, urging raising the fee for marriage licenses to \$5, said any man should be willing to pay more for a wife than a dog.

SON OF HAMILTON MAN DIES

Hamilton, March 7.—E. O. Greening, the founder of the Co-operative Union, whose death was announced from London, England, was a son of the late S. O. Greening, founder of the Greening Wire Company, this city.

Mysterious Cement Mixer Not One Lost By the City

James Moran States the Machine Is His Property and Was Purchased From Government.

The mysterious cement mixer reported to be the one belonging to the city of London and which has been resting quietly behind a signboard south of the Grand Trunk tracks on Richmond street since last October, is not a city property, James Moran, contractor, of 932 Richmond street north, has said.

When asked by The Advertiser about the mysterious "orphan of the street," which has been marked behind the signboard since last fall, Mr. Moran replied that he owned it, and that he had left it there last autumn after constructing a foundation under the Canadian Express Company's stables nearby.

"The cement mixer belongs to me," he said, "and not to the city, as has been intimated. I had a good laugh when I read the story about it in last night's Free Press, as it doesn't seem strange to me that a man should leave his own property around where-

ever he cares to. I left the mixer there because I did not need it again until spring."

"I bought it from the government when the soldiers were moved from Carling Heights to Camp Borden, and that is nearly seven years ago, and as I paid for it when I bought it, I think I am the rightful owner and that it is nearly seven years ago."

"The Free Press said that it is said to be similar to the one owned by the city, and I think that statement is a few facts concerning the case. What I should like to know is, who ever saw one cement mixer that was not similar to another one?"

There is not the least fear of any person stealing the cement mixer because at present its wheels are imbedded in about four inches of solid ice, and it will be impossible to move it until warm weather sets in.