

## OFFICIALS BOOST TOWN PLANNING

Move Is Declared To Be Constructive Preparation For the Future.

### PROBLEMS MANY

Town-planning proposals are constructive preparation for the future and will not destroy business or industrial ventures of the past. Similar efforts in other cities have brought about improvement in property values, convenience in business and adequate zones for industrial purposes.

This is the feeling of such men as Ald. Edwin Smith, chairman of the town-planning commission, Col. L. Leonard, mayor, City Engineer W. P. Near and many prominent citizens not in public office. They urge citizens to take an active part in the planning of the city.

Town-planning principles are generally understood in many cities. Chicago and Toronto have found the need of purchasing street frontage at a cost of millions of dollars to provide for development. Unrestricted districts are being developed more and more. This is because plans were not made for the future when the cities were being developed years ago.

Similar Problems. London is facing similar problems. Restrictions are demanded. There is some demand over the exact physical proportions of these restricted zones, but citizens will be given ample opportunity at public meetings next week to discuss and suggest modifications for the final draft of the new town-planning bylaw.

Present buildings cannot be wiped out by town-planning regulations, says Horace L. Seymour, expert who has been retained by the city to complete the town-planning map for the municipality.

Mr. Seymour will be one of the speakers at town planning meetings next week. He will address the Rotary club at the weekly luncheon on Monday, and will take part in public meetings during subsequent days.

"The idea of town planning is to prepare and plan for future development along systematic lines," Ald. Edwin Smith, chairman of the town-planning commission, declared today. "Destructive measures are not included in the bylaw proposed, and buildings now in use will not be torn down or ordered removed by town planning regulations."

Meetings Important. "It is important that all citizens who are interested in their homes should come to meetings next week. The final draft of the bylaw will depend on the comment, one way or another, that is made at these meetings."

"People should remember that once the bylaw is passed it goes before the Ontario railway and municipal board for ratification. When the bylaw is sanctioned by that body it can only be changed by petition to the railway board again. That would not be convenient, and the best time to offer criticism will be next week."

Improvement of various classes of districts is emphasized by W. P. Near, city engineer. Business places in residential districts will be permitted, but only in restricted areas. "There should be ample provision for some business development in residential districts," the city engineer says. "There are business needs of the citizens of these districts to be considered. The exact size of these limited business districts should be ascertained by the demands of the people."

## GAME ASSOCIATION PLANS GATHERING FOR FRIDAY

The members of the Western Ontario Fish and Game Protective Association will hold a smoker and "get together" meeting at the court house Friday night.

Prominent speakers among local animal lovers and representatives of out-of-town bodies will be present. Among them will be Col. Emerson, game warden; W. E. Saunders, ornithologist; Magistrate Graydon, Mayor Wenig, and a speaker from the provincial game department.

The program includes several recitals of motion pictures showing Canadian fishing and wild life. Deputations from Byron, St. Thomas and other points will be present. The executive board of the association is attending to the details.

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## OPERATING LOSSES MAY LEAD TO SCRAPPING OF TRAMWAYS

Street Car System of the British Capital Claimed To Be Obsolete.

YEAR'S LOSS \$2,500,000

Associated Press Despatch.

London, Feb. 2.—The London tramways are losing money year after year, and the question is being discussed as to the advisability of abolishing this system of transportation here. The tramways are under the jurisdiction of the London county council, which has just announced that the loss on the operation of the system last year totaled considerably over \$2,500,000.

One body of public opinion declares that the street car system in London is obsolete and the whole tramways plant should be scrapped. This opinion is emphasized by the fact that the past year's loss on the street railway is only a repetition of the previous year's loss in the same form, and it is pointed out that such a succeeding annual report has come to be regarded as less satisfactory than the annual report of the previous year.

Another body of public opinion, which favors the continuance of the tramways system, claims that the financial loss of the tramways is due to the fact that the system is too old and that it is too expensive to maintain. It is pointed out that the system is too old and that it is too expensive to maintain.

The county council recently increased the wages of the tramway workers but dared not increase the fares, and this adds to the difficulty of trying to make both ends meet.

## UNION CHURCH TAKES 26 NEW MEMBERS

New St. James Loses Eighteen to Robinson Memorial Congregation.

At the communion service held in Robinson Memorial Methodist church yesterday morning, 26 new members were received into the church. Of this number 18 were former members of New St. James' Presbyterian church, North London, who left that congregation because of the adverse vote on church union.

The pastor, Rev. W. L. Hiles, was assisted in administering the sacrament by Rev. John Veal of Dorchester, A. L. Fletcher and W. A. Wilson, the latter two being former elders in New St. James' church, in addition to the regular officials of the church.

Mr. Hiles welcomed the former members of New St. James' and testily expressed his sympathy for those, who, in being true to their convictions, felt called upon to sever their connection with a church with which they had been identified for years.

Since Robinson Memorial church stands in close proximity to New St. James, it is expected that many more unionist members will join the Methodist church within the coming months.

"104" JUMPS TRACK TWICE WITHIN WEEK

Hundred Passengers in Danger in Mishap Sunday Afternoon.

When Oxford street car No. 104 split a switch and derailed itself at the corner of Rectory street and the Hamilton road, almost 100 people were imperiled late yesterday afternoon. The car was suspended at a dangerous angle and the passengers were of toppling over. Every passenger, however, managed to leave the trolley without mishap.

No. 104 had a similar accident at Dundas and Richmond streets last week, when it jumped the rails, crashing into the silent policeman of the main street intersection.

Many who witnessed yesterday's accident are of the opinion that the city should order the 104 pattern cars off the streets in the interest of public safety.

**SASKATOON MAN NOW ALLOWED TO GET MAIL**

Charles Watson, 503 Avenue 1, South Saskatoon, Sask., may now receive letters through the regular postoffice channels. In July, 1923, an order was passed by the postmaster at Ottawa denying him the use of the mails. Today an order was issued permitting him to send and receive letters through the mails.

The communication received by Postmaster T. C. Duncan does not state why the correspondence was barred.

**POSTAL DEPT. PLANNING CO-OPERATION DRIVE**

The postal department at Ottawa has launched a campaign to keep the public informed on methods of co-operation which will increase the speed of despatching mails.

A poster issued today says the firm names on envelopes should carry the street addresses of concerns pointing out that while the firm may be a large one, the postal employees may not have the street address and that by putting the address on the envelope, the letter receives quicker service if it carries the complete address.

**COMMUNION SERVICE.**

One of the largest and finest communion services was celebrated yesterday in the Centennial Methodist church, Rev. A. E. M. Thomson, pastor of the church, welcomed 40 members to his congregation on a profession of faith, and 18 by letter. There were also ten baptisms, and special music was rendered by the choir, under the direction of George Winterbottom.

## Methodists All For Church Union

Canadian Press Despatch.

Winnipeg, Feb. 2.—Preaching at Fort Rouge Methodist church yesterday, Rev. S. D. Chown, D.D., general superintendent of the Methodist church in Canada, expressed his belief that not a single church in this denomination would want to vote itself out of union with the Presbyterian and Congregational churches. He had just returned from a tour of the west to the coast, he said, and found the sentiment in Methodist churches strong for the United church as a religious force that would be a tremendous factor in the highest welfare of the country.

Dr. Chown left for Toronto last night.

## DEFENCE CONCLUDES ITS PART OF EVIDENCE

Dr. J. Cameron Wilson Gives Testimony in Connection With Imperial Bank Action.

Dr. Cameron Wilson, one of the four defendants in the supreme court action of the Imperial bank to recover \$4,500 given in notes for stock in Bancroft Marbles, Limited, occupied the witness stand for most of this morning's session of the court.

His evidence, given in answer to J. G. Cartwright as to his negotiations with Donald Cameron, secretary of the company, and as to the inducements which influenced his judgment in advancing money was similar to that given by T. H. Yull on Saturday.

Dr. Wilson was adjourned at half past one until quarter past two. Dr. Wilson's evidence concluded the evidence for the defence.

## MILLIONS LOST IN YEAR UNDER SHIPPING PLANS

Obstacle, but it is being overcome by the action of the Dominion government in building there the new Welland canal, one of the finest canal schemes from an engineering standpoint that there is in the world today, and it will have seven locks 800 feet long with an average depth of 30 feet.

**Reported On Plan.**

An international commission has reported on the plan of completing the last link down the St. Lawrence and out to the ocean ports, and the report has been favorable and shows that there is enough business in the district tributary to such a waterway to make it a commercial success.

"The whole plan is a matter of life or death to Western Canada, and I am not overstating the case when I make use of such a phrase," continued Major Lewis. "The great need of Western Canada is the ability to get its grain to the markets of the world at a figure that will give a fair margin of profit. In 1923 Western Canada had 376,000,000 bushels of wheat, and the total grain crop was around 700,000,000 bushels. Canada consumes about 100,000,000 of that crop. The price for the rest of it is based on the price at Liverpool, less the amount that it costs to get the wheat to the coast. In 1923 it cost about 12 cents to get a bushel of grain to Liverpool, 49 cents; from Saskatoon, 38 cents. It first goes into an elevator, then it is delivered by the farmer; then into a train and into another elevator at the head of the lakes; once more it goes into a boat, and once more it goes into a barge and from there into an ocean-going vessel.

**Eliminate Loadings.**

"Every time the grain is moved it costs 1-1/2 cents per bushel. It could eliminate all these unnecessary loadings and reloadings, we could save five cents a bushel at once, and on the basis of the 1923 crops that would have meant \$15,000,000 to the farmers of western Canada, and if the farmers in the west have that much more to spend it is going to be a good thing for the east. There is no reason why an ocean-going vessel should not land at Port Stanley. It would mean no crockery, for instance, that you would have the advantage of water rates; it would make it possible to bring in here Nova Scotia steam coal instead of spending \$100,000 for United States soft coal every year.

"Apart from this, deepening the St. Lawrence would make possible the development of 1,400,000 horsepower, half of which would belong to Ontario. That would be sufficient to electrify every railroad in Western Ontario and save in operation \$11,000,000 on coal charges alone each year."

Major Lewis concluded with an appeal for a big vision on the part of the Dominion government, and support for the government which it undertakes the carrying out of such a plan.

**TALK OF REV. A. A. BICE AROUSES DISCUSSION**

The paper given by Rev. A. A. Bice at the regular meeting of the Anglican Clerical Association this morning on the subject "The Church and Young People," aroused considerable discussion amongst the members.

Mr. Bice emphasized the vital necessity on the part of the church in meeting the needs of the young people.

Reference was made to the practice in the Anglican church of bringing in so-called "ringers," not members of the church or organization they represented for the express purpose of getting them on the list of members. The practice was strongly condemned as being detrimental to the league in defeating its own ends.

Mr. Bice and Rev. A. S. H. Cree were appointed a committee to prepare plans for the Lenten exchange during the coming Lenten period.

**DOUGLAS FAIRBAIRNS,** who portrays the leading role in "The Thief of Bagdad," the super attraction at the Capitol today. Two shows daily, 2:15 and 8:15.

## NEW UNION BILL GIVEN APPROVAL

Dr. R. W. McIntosh Points Out Federal Measure Is Reaffirmed.

Approval was expressed by Rev. W. R. McIntosh, D.D., of King Street Presbyterian church, and president of the Presbyterian council, this morning, of the proposed church union bill to be presented before the legislature at the coming session.

Dr. McIntosh indorses all the proposals whereby the vote was taken by the congregations on the federal bill will stand, the church property will go strictly according to the majority vote of the congregation, and the union will be consummated between the three churches on June 10 next.

The proposals of the projected provincial bill were held by Dr. McIntosh to be indicative of a desire that the vote already taken amongst the majority of the Presbyterian congregations of the province should settle the question.

"The proposed bill reaffirms the federal bill," remarked Dr. McIntosh, "as it concerns local property, and, of course, the general funds, etc., will be allocated by the joint commission yet to be appointed for that particular purpose."

"I am told that the anti-unionists will make a strong push to have a two-thirds majority property clause inserted in the bill," remarked Dr. McIntosh, "but I imagine that they will not be successful. On account of their strength being almost entirely entered in Ontario, they may be able, possibly, to secure a little larger share of the general fund through the assignment to be made by the commission."

"It is a good thing that the provincial bill is likely to come into effect on June 10, co-incidental with the federal bill," concluded Dr. McIntosh, "since then the question can be settled for once and all."

Rev. James MacKay, B.D., of New St. James' Presbyterian church was not inclined to be communicative on the subject of the provincial bill which, undoubtedly, it is the intention of the Presbyterian association to bring forward before the legislature.

"The church unionists are the only ones forcing the issue," declared Mr. MacKay, "and this is the bill. But they may find, as at Ottawa, that their bill will be considerably revised by parliament."

Mr. MacKay was asked whether he had not declared in public during the church union campaign that the provincial bill would embrace the two-thirds property clause as the proposal of the Presbyterian association.

Mr. MacKay asserted that no bill had as yet been prepared by the Presbyterian association, but intimated that "perhaps" any bill would be made to secure the inclusion of the two-thirds property clause in the provincial bill.

**\$10,000 DAMAGE SUIT IS AGAIN WEAKENED**

Hamilton Is Sued For Closing Six Houses As Insanitary.

Canadian Press Despatch.

Toronto, Feb. 2.—The action by the late W. L. Mackie and Miss E. Hunter, to recover \$10,000 damages from the city of Hamilton, on a board of health of that city, and Dr. Rob- erte, medical officer of health, seems to be gradually disintegrating. Last week Mr. Justice Mowat dismissed the action as against the city of Hamilton, and now the master of the supreme court has given judgment in favor of the defendants refusing to allow a revival of the claim of Mr. Mackie, who died on Feb. 12, 1923. It is held that the action should have been revived within one year of the death.

The action is to recover damages for the closing of six houses on Catherine and Stuart streets, Hamilton, in 1919. The board of health acted on the ground that the houses were insanitary and unfit for human habitation. The houses have stood empty ever since. The action was commenced in 1920, but has never got to trial. The plaintiff alleges that the board of health's action was unwarranted and without notice.

G. H. Sedgewick, one of the defendants, and A. J. Treblelock for the plaintiff.

**WILLIAM S. MARSHALL.**

William S. Marshall died in Detroit on Saturday in his 48th year. The remains will be brought to London today for burial in the home of E. Logan funeral home on Tuesday afternoon at 2 o'clock. Interment is to be made at Woodland cemetery.

**BIG RALLY OF ANTIS IS EXPECTED FEB. 11**

Arrangements are progressing favorably for the district communion service to be held in New St. James' Presbyterian church, North London, on Wednesday, Feb. 11, under the auspices of the Middlesex and Elgin Presbyterian Church association.

It is expected that the church will be crowded by the anti-unionists of London and vicinity, and that the cause of the non-concurring Presbyterian congregations will be given a marked impetus.

Rev. Dr. John MacNair and the secretary of the association, head of a committee, including also the ministers of the five local congregations which voted not to enter the union, which is completing the arrangements for the joint service.

**PROGRAM ANNOUNCED.**

The program of the Father and Son week which will be held next week was given out by W. H. Spearman, C.A., today. Monday will be known as "confidential and personal inter-view day," Tuesday, "vocational," Wednesday, "home day," Friday, banquet at the Y. M. C. A.; Saturday, "outdoor activities"; Sunday, "Father and Son day at church."

**INSPECTION TOUR.**

Brig. MacAmmond and Adj. Spooner of the headquarters staff, Salvation Army, here, are on an inspection trip. They are in Woodstock today, and will return to London tomorrow.

## Offers Reward For Amputation

Associated Press Despatch.

Louisville, Ky., Feb. 2.—An offer of \$500 to any reputable surgeon who will crawl through Sand Cave to Floyd Collins, who is imprisoned man and amputate his leg, was made today by Homer Collins, brother of the victim, says a despatch to the Louisville Post.

## PEACE IS CALLED IDEAL OF FRANCE

Herriot Points to Past Few Years as Proof of Country's Sincerity.

Associated Press Despatch.

Paris, Feb. 2.—Peace was the guiding principle of true democracy; it had always been and would continue to be the inspiration of his government, Premier Herriot declared before an audience in Trocadero hall last night.

The occasion was a meeting organized by a committee which seeks to erect through the efforts of the peoples of the various nations, a monument to peace on one of the battlefields of the world war.

Premier Herriot, who presided at the meeting, declared he was proud of two actions. The first was that during the difficult negotiations which resulted in the London agreement, his government had perhaps been the first to introduce into each page of an international convention that motion of arbitration which must be extended everywhere and everywhere replace the bloodstained and often iniquitous judgment of war.

The result following this "ray of light" at London was that substantial, solid realities had been substituted for a long series of illusions and mirages. The second action of which he was proud was the signing of the Geneva protocol.

"The source of pride for us, and I believe for the democracies, was more specially represented, that France was the first to put her signature at the bottom of this document, which from now on will be the basis of the other nations to be the final charter of peace," he declared.

He said that he had never made France a power which will make it a power. I say emphatically that we do not desire for our country the conquest, annexation or extension of any additional territory. The time has come when our great nation, so long a victim of its geo-political situation—a sort of Caraya—must bear on its strong and noble shoulders the weight of the liberty of the world—should be relieved of this terrible fear for its safety and at last be able to pursue the noble ends of democracy."

In conclusion, the premier said he did not hide from himself the difficulty of the task which lay before him. "To make peace a reality," he asserted, "requires just as much strength, perseverance and application as the conquest of territory."

He appealed to each individual and to each people to help according to their abilities toward this common goal.

**CHOICEST IN LITERATURE GIVEN PLACE OF HONOR**

The choicest morsels in literature are to have a place by themselves in the public library. Librarian Richard E. Crouch has set aside a table just inside the door where book lovers may glance over the newest arrivals from the presses.

The books will cover a wide range of reading matter. There will be new works of fiction, travel and poetry, volumes on the arts and sciences.

Two new tables which have been placed in the library to accommodate the new books have been of such a compact nature they have permitted a little extra space in the already crowded building, so that one extra table for further service to library patrons.

**PROMOTION OF V. K. GREER IS LAUDED IN "THE SCHOOL"**

The February number of "The School" contains an extended reference to the appointment of V. K. Greer, M.A., as chief inspector of public and separate schools of Ontario.

The article outlines Mr. Greer's educational career in detail, and speaks of "this long and remarkably successful experience of being in the high schools of Ontario." It also refers to Mr. Greer as "an earnest student of educational theory."

**BETHESDA HOSPITAL IS FINANCIALLY SOUND**

Financially Bethesda hospital is in a much stronger position this year than last. This was brought out at a meeting of the administration committee of the hospital last week. The board was made up of Dr. Robert Ferguson, chairman, Dean W. H. Hill, of the public health, Dr. Angus Graham of the hospital, and Adjutant Holland, matron of Bethesda.

The board went over the year's work at the hospital.

**W. R. COOK TO SPEAK.**

The members of the Com-Tec club have secured W. R. Cook of the national council of the Y.M.C.A. as their speaker for the Wednesday luncheon at the local Y.M.C.A. Mr. Cook will speak on the "Youth Movement of the World."

**ALLOWED BAIL.**

Ray Dodge, charged with non-support, was allowed out on bail until called for, when he appeared this morning before Deputy Judge Bradshaw in the London juvenile court.

**"KEYHOLE MORALS."**

"Keyhole Morals" is the subject of an interesting address by W. F. Sherwin at the Sunday evening sing-song held at the Y. M. C. A. Mr. Sherwin stressed the importance of self-respect.

## CANADA IS LIABLE IN WAR, CLAIM

Secession Is Only Way To Escape Belligerency, London Times Says.

Associated Press Despatch.

London, Feb. 2.—"A Menacing Position" is the heading in the first of a series of articles which the Times is running, dealing with the problem of a common empire policy. The writer, while dismissing the bulk of ordinary diplomatic procedure as offering comparatively little difficulty, declares that the real danger lies in the international issues which are continually cropping up, involving the danger of war, because, although the dominions have secured the right to abstain from any war in which other parts of the empire are involved, the only practical way of escaping belligerency is secession from the empire.

The Times, commenting on this matter in an editorial, recalls the historic letter sent out by the British government to the dominions at the time when war with Turkey seemed inevitable, intimating that if secession of the dominions would be looked to for assistance, the empire would be looked to for assistance.

When the South African war started, the Times continues, small Australia and Canadian contingents which went to the aid of the mother country were financed mainly by the British government, which then bore the burden of the war and carried on the negotiations single-handed. But this method no longer serves, since the dominions throw their whole strength into the world war and won the right to a share in the shaping of the British foreign policy.

"The first and most obvious step is to become acquainted with the problems without a knowledge of which there is not likely to be that assumption of dominion which is a letter from Victor Mitchell, K.C., of Montreal."

**FIRE DEPARTMENT HAS NUMEROUS FALSE CALLS**

January Proved To Be Ordinary Month in Point of Losses.

Of 35 alarms responded to by the fire department during the past month, only 17 were actual fires. Seven false alarms were received at the central fire hall and 9 chimney fires were extinguished. The total loss through fire in the city for January will not exceed \$2,000.

January was an average month for fires, according to Chief John Aitken, but considering the cold weather of the past few weeks, the monthly report is extremely satisfactory, he states.

One of the calls received by the department was to help a cat down from a tree. Another was to provide a ladder that a home, of which the owner had forgotten his keys, could be entered.

**Obituaries**

**MRS. WILLIAM FAIRLEY.**

Mrs. William Fairley, of Norwich, died today at the home of her son, J. C. Fairley, 257a Princess avenue. Mrs. Fairley came to London a week ago to attend to the funeral of her brother-in-law, J. W. Proper. The following day she herself suffered a stroke which finally caused her death.

Funeral services will be held in Norwich on Wednesday with Rev. J. M. Hail of the Norwich Methodist church officiating. Interment is to be made in Norwich cemetery.

Besides her husband, Mrs. Fairley is survived by two sons, J. C. Fairley, and one daughter, Miss Annie Fairley, all of whom reside in London.

**RODERICK MCNEIL.**

The funeral of Roderick McNeil, who died on Friday, was held this morning from the late residence, 309 Gray street, to St. Peter's cathedral, where requiem high mass was sung at 9 o'clock by Rev. Fr. Ambrose McDonnell. Interment took place in St. Peter's cemetery.

The pallbearers were Hugh Simple, H. Simple, Jack Simple, Alex. McIsaac, Malcolm McIntosh and A. McIntyre.

**NUMBERS OF TWO STOLEN BONDS ARE ANNOUNCED**

The serial numbers of the two \$100 bonds stolen from a safe at O. B. Graves, Limited, some time during last week, were announced this morning by the police department. The Victory bonds were serial T. No. A. 34414C and 344141. They were 15-year 6-1/2 per cent bonds, with principal due Nov. 1, 1924.

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## Winnipeg In Grip Of Another Spell

Canadian Press Despatch.

Winnipeg, Feb. 2.—After having to contend with huge snowdrifts and the worst blizzard conditions of the winter last week, Winnipeg last night was in the midst of another cold wave with the mercury receding rapidly and hovering near the 25 below zero mark at midnight. Heavy "frost fog" enveloped the city.

Points in Saskatchewan and Alberta were also getting the full benefit of the drop with temperatures ranging from 22 to 46 below zero, Prince Albert recording the lowest point.

## PLAYGROUNDS SCHOOL TO OPEN WEDNESDAY

Ten Weeks' Supervisors Course Is Under Direction of G. N. Goodman.

The school for playground supervisors planned under the auspices of the public utilities commission, will open on Wednesday night at the Y.M.C.A.

The course will extend over a period of ten weeks, with one lecture a week. Gerald N. Goodman