

BRITAIN BACKS MANAGER SCHEME

Research Head Addresses the
Members of Kiwanis Club
at Luncheon.

SPEAKS TO WOMEN

Dr. Horace L. Brittain, head of the Citizens' Research Institute of Canada, speaking at noon today to the London Kiwanis club, denied that the city manager form of city government was not a democratic one.

"We hear sometimes," he said, "that the system of city management by a city manager is not democratic. Now a city manager is not permitted and cannot do any of the following things: Pass a budget, pass a bylaw, set the tax rate, or determine expenditures. All he can do is to carry out the orders of the city council.

"Any organization is arranged and managed so as to do certain things. In the case of a city, the organization has to do these two things, determine the policies to be pursued and see that they are carried out. It is the business of the representatives of the people to pass the current budget, to pass the capital budget, and to pass bylaws. Experience has shown that the best way to get legislation is to elect them, and the best way to get administrators is to appoint them. The worst way to get administrators is to elect them. It means a popular control of the city. The best way in which to get administrators is by appointment, and that appointment is made by the elected representatives of the people.

General Manager.

"Now we know from private business organization that the best way to get good administrative work carried out is by the means of a single general manager, responsible in every way, to appointment and discharge, to the shareholders. In the case of a city the electors are the shareholders. So we come to the question of the city manager form of city government.

"The only right to which the city manager is entitled is the right to choose his own methods of carrying out policies decided upon by the representatives of the electors. That is all the power he has. Democratic control does not mean simply the election of a large number of representatives. It means popular control of all elected and appointed officers.

True of All.

"Sometimes we hear that you never can tell what a city manager will do next, but that is true of all managers and administrators. As I said before, the manager can only do so much. He cannot go beyond certain completely definite bounds in his work. The appointment of a city manager is a most serious question for any city to consider, and the qualities demanded of an efficient city manager are numerous and imperative. He must have administrative ability, force of character, ability to mix with people, and last, but not least, a thorough knowledge of as many city operations as a humanly possible.

Dr. Brittain dealt very briefly with the six plebiscites to be presented to the London electors on Monday, the abolition of the ward system, the two-year term for aldermen, the reduction of the city council from twelve to eight, the annual grant of \$55,000 to the University of Western Ontario, the elective police commission, and the question of the city manager. He spoke in the afternoon at Hyman hall to the women members of the same organization, dealing more fully with all the questions.

TRUSTEE WILL NOT BE RE-ELECTED

The many friends of Mr. N. F. Willmot, the well-known local jeweler, are pleased that he has consented to stand for re-election to the board of aldermen, and predict his return by a handsome vote on Monday next.

Trustee Willmot has rendered valuable public service on the board of education for the past two years, and is the type of public spirited citizen needed on our civic bodies.

ARRANGEMENTS COMPLETE FOR BIG RELIEF DANCE

Arrangements are now complete for the London Sunshine Relief Circle dance, which will be held in the Winter Garden on the night of Thursday, Dec. 4. Mrs. F. W. Wells, president of the Women's Labor party, under whose auspices the dance is being held, reports that tickets have been selling well, and that the dance is going to net a nice sum for the men and women in the city in need.

Two vaudeville acts have been lent by the manager, Louis de la Roche, to the occasion, and an interesting feature of the evening is the drawing for a ton of coal which has been given to the committee in charge by a local sympathizer with the position of the unemployed. Tickets are on sale at the Wendell Holmes book store, at the South London branch of the public library, at the Reg Bird bicycle store on Wellington street.

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Aluminum Kettles, \$2.00, \$5.00
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Alum. Potato Pots, \$2.00, \$2.50

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THE FAMILY ALBUM—THEY WON'T STAY PUT.



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MILDER REPLIES MOTHER WENT INTO THE KITCHEN A MINUTE OR TWO AGO. SHE THINKS SHE'S IRONING SOMETHING.

RETURNS TO PAPER REMARKING PRESIDENT'S NAME—HOW DO YOU PRONOUNCE HIS NAME—IS IT TO GIVE HIM A CONCERT AND BY THE WAY MILDER HASN'T HEARD HER PRACTICING LATELY.

FROM BEHIND LATEST COPY OF A RADIO PERIODICAL WILFRED MURMURS THAT IF HE'S TALKING TO MILDER SHE MUST BE UPSTAIRS.

FINISHES NEWSPAPER, YAWNS, RUBS EYES AND SUGGESTS WELL WILFRED HOW ABOUT A GAME OF CHECKERS?

WIFE PUTTERING AROUND HER WORK BASKET IN FURTHER CORNER ASKS DID HE WANT WILFRED SHE THINKS HE'S UP TINKERING WITH HIS RADIO.

GRUNTS, FILLS AND LIGHTS HIS PIPE AND ASKS WELL DOES SHE WANT TO PLAY SOME DOUBLE SOLITAIRE. GETTING NO REPLY AT ALL TO THIS, TURNS AND FINDS ROOM DESERTED.

DEMANDS FROM FOOT OF STAIRS FOR GOODNESS SAKE WHERE IS EVERYBODY? HE NEVER KNEW SUCH A FAMILY, HERE ONE MINUTE AND GONE THE NEXT.

REMEMBERS UNFINISHED DETECTIVE STORY AND RETIRES INTO DEN, JUST AS FAMILY REASSEMBLES. WONDERING WHERE DAD IS, THEY COULD PLAY MAH JONG, HE WAS HERE JUST A MINUTE AGO.

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MAJOR IS HEARD AT PERRIN'S PLANT

Speaks of "Guns" But Again
Refuses to Discuss Street
Railway.

The last of Mayor Wenige's noon-day addresses was delivered at the D. S. Perrin plant during the lunch recess. The employees of the Perrin company gave him a warm and attentive hearing, but it did not display as much enthusiasm as Mayor Wenige had looked for, and before his speech reached anything like its culmination, over a score of his audience had adjourned to the lower floors of the biscuit factory.

The speech delivered today varied little from those previously given except that in having his daily bouquet to the press, Mayor Wenige left the subtle impression that the Advertiser was the "Big Interest" whose demands he had refused to listen.

That is why the guns of both papers have been trained on me," he said. "I have been a great improvement in the administration of the hospital, the fire department, the London east hall and in fact everything in the British report except the police force. Mayor Wenige had nothing to say other than that the citizens can now be arrested more pleasantly—"without persecution."

As in all his other speeches, Mayor Wenige still wants credit for all the paving and new schools within the last two years, but at the same time insists that he is no dictator. He has refused to a recent cartoon said, "Instead of holding up the people of London, I am the only one with nerve enough to hold up the street railway."

It was at this point that the audience started an exodus to the stairs, and the family moved out of the room.

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WENIGE SPEAKS

Makes his one and only statement of street railway policy, and says: "It makes no difference what I think or attempt"—and "what can I or any other mayor do regarding it in 1925?"—Anderson's statement is clear cut.

At last Mayor Wenige has made a statement on the street railway question.

Wenige has been asked to explain why he changed from his promised "showdown" of 1922 to the loaded ballot "hold-up" of 1924. Wenige has attempted no explanation of any kind. He has, in fact, scarcely mentioned street railway until his present statement in an advertisement which he has labeled "actual performance and vain promises." As his one and only statement of policy on the street railway issue, this advertisement is therefore important.

Wenige says: "It makes no difference what the mayor thinks or attempts, the majority vote of the council is necessary." This is an extraordinary point of view. Does Wenige mean that it doesn't matter what the mayor of London thinks about the street railway question? Does he mean that the mayor gives no leadership in the council? Does he mean that he is fed up with the railway in two years' performance. The only thing he has accomplished is ten years' delayed payments for the company in paving. He didn't quite accomplish the loaded ballot.

Truly an extraordinary point of view. If every alderman on the council had Mr. Wenige's idea and believed that it "makes no difference what he thinks or attempts," London's chances for united, aggressive defence of her interests in the street railway matter would be poor indeed.

Wenige says: "What can I or any other mayor do regarding it in 1925?" This is the question of a man who is baffled and discouraged by a problem that has been too much for him for two long years. It is a natural question for Mr. Wenige to ask because he has accomplished none of his promised defence of the railway company in two years' performance. The only thing he has accomplished is ten years' delayed payments for the company in paving. He didn't quite accomplish the loaded ballot.

IF MAYOR WENIGE DOESN'T KNOW WHAT HE CAN DO IN 1925, IF HE FEELS THAT "IT MAKES NO DIFFERENCE" WHAT HE THINKS, WHAT BUSINESS HAS HE TO BE A CANDIDATE FOR MAYOR?

Wenige, in short, has no policy on the street railway question. He has no explanation of his hold-up. He says "It makes no difference" and "What can I do?"

ANDERSON STATES DEFINITELY OVER HIS SIGNATURE: "I would neither buy the street railway nor extend its franchise on the railway's own terms. No concessions should be made to the company. The London Street Railway Company entered into an agreement with the city and must abide by it."

Wenige says: "Anderson raves about the street railway question." Is Anderson raving when he says: "I would neither buy the street railway nor extend its franchise on the company's own terms?"

COMPARE ANDERSON'S DEFINITE, CLEAR-CUT STAND WITH WENIGE'S WOBBLING "IT MAKES NO DIFFERENCE" WHAT CAN I DO? plus his loaded attempt, and there is not much doubt as to which man should be entrusted with the city's street railway problem.

CHURCH UNION OUTLOOK PRIVILEGES EQUAL IS DECLARED HOPEFUL IN 1924 ELECTIONS

Reports from Various Centers Read by Rev. William Beattie, D.D.

Terming the present outlook for church union most hopeful and encouraging, Rev. William Beattie, D.D., pastor of First Presbyterian church, last night read reports from various centers showing the feeling on the subject when a union rally was held in the church under the auspices of the union committee of the presbytery of London.

The following reports were read: Kintore, favorable; Melbourn and River-side, favorable; a vote for union, minister and people see the light; Rodney and New Glasgow, minister and people see the light; a vote for union, minister and people see the light.

A summary of the ministers who were expected that Newbury would vote for union and five opposed, nine to hear from, a total of 41.

Dr. Beattie then asked if there was a report to make. The following reports were made: Hyde Park and London West so far as known, union; Chalmers Presbyterian church, minister favorable; First Presbyterian church, Dr. Beattie said he would do his best to get the union vote on the 22. King Street Presbyterian was said to be strong for union. Knox church sessions and minister in favor. St. Andrew's expected to go 90 per cent. North Carleton in favor.

The minister at Port Stanley was reported as being unfavorable. There were no representatives present from St. Thomas, Thamesford four for union. W. H. Brown, minister, outlook for union. Chelsea Green and Knollwood, Chelsea Green took a test vote last Sunday, it was favorable.

STORY HOURS AT LIBRARY WILL REOPEN TOMORROW

The story hours, which will be a feature of the children's department of the public library, begin at 11 o'clock. There will also be a story hour for the children at the east branch at 10 o'clock.

The story hours are in charge of Miss Ruth Lovelace. The children are entertained with readings of stories, old folk tales, legends and myths. Last year the children enjoyed many happy hours in the department devoted to them. Upwards of 80 attended each story hour. They have the privilege of staying afterwards and reading if they wish to, and in addition may take home such books as they desire.

GARAGE MEN RECEIVE MANY CALLS FOR HELP

Slippery pavements last night caused much activity in the wrecking departments of local garages. One garage proprietor reported today that he had towed in six cars from London streets that had skidded on the pavement and broken down. "One driver told me his car made six complete turns before it crashed into the curb, breaking two wheels," the garage man declared.

GANG OF THIEVES IS STILL SOUGHT

Half of Goods Stolen From Belmont Store Has Been Recovered.

County and city police have no new developments to report in connection with the rounding up of the gang of thieves operating in Middlesex county during the past few months. Half of the goods stolen from the Belmont store of W. C. Barons two weeks ago was recovered by police Wednesday night at 194 Hamilton road. Mrs. Margaret McCulley and Dauris Sweeney, who were found on the premises, are locked in the county jail on charges of receiving stolen goods.

Groceries and other articles not claimed by Mr. Barons were at the city police station awaiting identification. So far, no person has called to claim any of the goods, detectives state.

The same band of thieves are known to be responsible for the theft of a large quantity of butter at the Kerwood creamery last summer, as some of the butter was discovered in the house on the Hamilton road. The fact that only half of Mr. Barons' goods were recovered, lead the police to believe that other houses are used as caches by the gang, and every effort is being made to find just where the goods have been stored.