

UTILITIES COMMISSION
REPORTS BANNER YEARDepartment Heads Optimistic
Over 1922 Success At Annual Banquet.

DECORATIONS PLEASE

Speakers Laud Spirit of Co-operation Existing Between Managers and Employees.

From reports read by the heads of the various departments of the public utilities commission at the annual get-together banquet Saturday evening, the year 1922 was the best in the history of the utilities. The banquet was held in the drafting-room of the public utilities. Centering the large oval table was a miniature park, with its crushed marble walks, and avenues shaded by dwarf living trees. Tiny models of London's ornamental lamp-posts supported glowing bulbs of light. Even to beautiful decorative beds of plants, and small shrubs, was the model scheme carried out. Warmest praise was offered to W. McFarland and Superintendent E. G. Graham of the parks department by E. G. Graham of the utilities commission. For the part they had in introducing the pleasing exhibit.

Tour of Inspection.
Promptly at 3 o'clock, the commissioners, General Manager E. V. Buchanan, and several of the department heads set out from the public utilities building on a tour of inspection of the several utilities properties. While it had been especially hoped that this inspection would be impossible to attend. The tour included a complete inspection of the Horton street and Cabell street substations. Returning to the public utilities building, the commissioners inspected all departments of the Hydro Shop.

Loyalty Reflects in Success.
"You will hear the reports of heads of departments, loyal men, who are not satisfied with working their eight hours a day. These men throw their whole hearts into their work, and are just as sincere as if they were conducting their own private business. This loyalty reflects in no small degree to the growing success of the business of the commission."

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Flu prevention
Influenza is a germ disease. The influenza germ is especially tenacious. Its favorite breeding ground is the mouth and throat. There it must be destroyed. Formamint tablets are recommended by physicians as the scientific germ-destroyer. Melting slowly in the mouth, they release powerful antiseptics which thoroughly disinfect every remote portion of the mouth and throat, actually killing germ-life. At all drug stores.

288.86, as follows: Metered water, \$134,210.16; unmetered water, \$42,872.87; river water supply, \$10,517.65; receipts from sundry job accounts, \$20,666.62; service extensions, \$12,228.45; total disbursements were \$228,457.61.

Yield Increased Revenue.
Thirty-seven per cent of the houses in London were metered, yielding practically an equal sum to that from the other 63 per cent. The figures are: Metered, \$60,806.43; unmetered, \$60,885.24.

Sundry receipts from the parks department amounted to \$7,405.53. Expenditure on playgrounds amounted to \$21,464.06, and receipts, \$1,800.12, leaving a net expenditure of \$19,663.94.

Ellwood also pointed to the expansion of the departments, volume of work done, and directed attention to the co-operation, efficiency, service, and courtesy in all the branches under his control.

Answers 10,000 Calls.
A. O. Hunt, assistant manager, compared the records of the lighting, power and house wiring work of 1922 with the past. An upward trend was evidenced, he expressed, his own idea of the extra work embraced by his department in addition to what was rightfully its own he said:

"The information clerk last year received 1,760 service and trouble reports, and secured prompt action through the departments concerned. A daily average record of calls for information shows that more than 10,000 were answered last year. So efficient is this bureau that the citizens come to us with many of their troubles with which we are not concerned. They ask us for the phone numbers of all directions to the police station, the asylum, the children's shelter, the city registry office; they come to us when they want birth and marriage certificates. One lady turned to us for help when her dog chased her kitten up a pole. Our telephone operators who conduct the information bureau, in a department entitled to special credit for the tact and courtesy they display, particularly in adjusting difficulties reported to them."

Other reports read were: John Midglock, stores department; W. J. Jackson, meter and wiring department; T. Hodgkinson, waterworks department; E. E. Graham, parks department; R. M. Dawson, operating department; R. M. Dawson, operating department; R. M. Dawson, operating department; Mel Brock, playgrounds, and E. A. Gray, playgrounds construction.

Expresses Confidence.
General Manager E. V. Buchanan, in his address, touched briefly on all the work done by the various departments, and expressed his absolute confidence in all the men under his direction. He directed particular attention to the comparative charts which were hung upon the wall, and gave a graphic explanation of yearly figures.

"Londoners who used to be impressed as now amused when they encounter such surviving demagogues as have the heart and hope to 'sell' public ownership is foredoomed to failure; no business can succeed without the help of private capital."

No Hydro 12 Years Ago.
"Do you recall that it is only slightly over 12 years ago since there was no hydro, since the days when many honestly doubted its feasibility, and counselled that matters should be left as they were, with the gas and regular channels without taint of disruptive wire-pulling or politics."

The problem of iron removal was one which was practically unknown in this part of the country, and had not been attempted in any Canadian cities. It was therefore necessary for the Hydro Shop to obtain information from the United States, and to build model plants to test the effectiveness of the proposed scheme.

The plant is entirely original in design, and the tests show that nearly 90 per cent of the iron is removed, together with odors due to sulphur compounds. Presence of iron was detrimental to domestic consumers, and costly for certain commercial consumers. In addition to removing all dissatisfaction in this connection, the department has been able to save the cost of over \$5,000 a year in cleaning out services and meters, say nothing of the loss of revenue due to the stoppage.

A Dire Calamity.
Commissioner Philip Pocock stated that it would be a dire calamity if the City of London if the magnificent structure that had been built up during the past ten years were to be broken up.

"I think," he said, "that the best practical way to save the structure of the London staff is to found the comparison of rates maintained in London and other Ontario cities, and to the commission in part through the death of the late Rev. G. J. Stuart."

Mr. Pocock advocated the building a grandstand in Thames Park, the cost of which would be met from the collection of a nominal fee. This would make Thames Park an ideal athletic park, and I am confident of the support of the citizens. Park property has not cost the citizens a penny," he said. "The land has been bought and paid for out of waterworks revenue."

Not By Guesswork.
Commissioner T. W. McFarland asserted that the strong utilities organization had not been built up by guesswork. "It has taken time, and ability. It has taken business acumen and plenty of hard work. We have succeeded in getting the finest staff from the manager down in Ontario," he said.

"I think a contented employee is an efficient employee. When the producer loses the love for his work, the joy is taken out of the task, and poor work is the result."

Commissioner R. J. Webster, to whom Chairman Vining referred to as the "baby member" of the commission, spoke briefly and to the point.

"I feel that I have come to the end of a perfect day," he said. "I anticipated a very great deal in the way of a pleasant visit to the department, but what I have seen has been a revelation to me. The personnel of the plants, the keen interest of the members of the staff in showing us the facilities for thorough work, and the emergency work, in them the city is to be complimented. It speaks volumes in regard to what the future will bring in reducing costs, and in making future years more bright."

DIBS AND DABS

-BY HARRY MOYER

FRANCE NOW PREPARED
TO GO STILL FURTHER

Poincare Declares Their Will Be No Yielding in Ruhr Policy.

By HUDSON HAWLEY.
Special Cable to The Advertiser.
Paris, Feb. 5.—France is ready to take additional steps—if necessary—to force reparations out of Germany. Premier Poincare declared Sunday at a banquet of reparation journalists.

In speaking of the Ruhr policy, the premier stated that "it will not be us who will yield."

The day that Germany opens her eyes," he said, "and gives evidence that she is ready to make honest reparation, we will not refuse to examine her proposition, but without allowing preliminary conditions to be imposed, and without abandoning the policy we have adopted since the beginning of the year. We want realities, not flights, but durable."

France's future and Europe's peace are involved, and we are resolved to finally establish that peace. We will not demand one single centimeter of German territory. We seek only reparations and security."

MAMMOTH TIDAL WAVES KILL TEN IN HAWAII.
Damage At Hilo Bay Is Expected To Reach At Least \$100,000.

Associated Press Despatch.
Honolulu, T. H., Feb. 5.—Several tidal waves Saturday afternoon swept Hilo Bay, Island of Hawaii. The waves reached a maximum height of 15 feet.

Between 10 and 12 persons were killed by the waves which followed yesterday's earthquake, which was reported to be between 2,000 and 3,000 miles away.

The known dead include a child swept from a sampan and three Japanese fishermen who were trapped in the engine room of a sampan, which, together with a scow, wrecked on the railroad bridge across the Waialuku River.

The damage at Hilo, according to a conservative estimate, was about \$100,000. Several days will be required to ascertain the number of lives lost and the correct amount of damage.

The Matson Navigation Company's liner *Matsonia* touched the mud bottom once while in the grip of the tidal wave, but floated off with the next wave.

Fights To Save Life of Man She Loved,
But Death Wins in Battle With Love

Claims To Be Galt's Oldest Resident, Mrs. Coleman Nears Century Mark

Special to The Advertiser.
Detroit, Feb. 4.—Miss Mary Chadwick, with all the skill acquired in years of study and practice, two months ago took up the grim task of saving from death the man she loved, Dr. Edward S. Crump.

Miss Chadwick is a trained nurse, formerly supervising nurse in Harper Hospital. Day and night she pitied her knowledge and skill against the unfriendly forces of nature. She often worked 24 hours a day, but nature worked 24 hours every day to defeat her. Friday Dr. Crump died.

Shortly after the doctor's death his mother, Mrs. Daniel Crump of Chatham, N. Y., came to Detroit. Just one word was uttered between the two women. Miss Chadwick sobbed "Mother," and again nature had triumphed. Mrs. Crump collapsed completely from the strain of her vigil.

She will remain here until after the funeral tomorrow and will then return to her home in Massachusetts.

Dutton Masons Enjoy 'At Home'
Cameron Lodge Holds Venison Supper, Concert and Dance.

Special to The Advertiser.
Dutton, Feb. 5.—An enjoyable social event was held Friday evening in Dutton when the members of Cameron Lodge, A. F. & A. M., held their annual "at home" at the lodge.

The program was followed by a dance, the music being furnished by the Masonic Orchestra of St. Thomas.

WATFORD RESIDENTS WANT COMMUNITY PARK
Ingersoll, Feb. 5.—There is a pronounced agitation at Watford of a community park, probably in conjunction with the Agricultural Society.

The initiative has been taken by the Watford Improvement Association, and a keen interest awakened in the park. It is the desire to provide a park that will meet the needs of the entire township, and Dorchester was regarded by many as the logical situation.

WOMEN'S CANADIAN CLUB SECURES NOTED SPEAKERS
Dr. Laval of Toronto, provincial parole officer, will speak before the Women's Canadian Club, February 13, on "The Criminal and Public Welfare." Arrangements are also being made for a meeting on February 27, when Professor Maurice Hutton, M.A., LL.D., of Toronto University will speak on "The Gilbert and Sullivan Opera."

TO BE REOPENED TODAY
Canadian Press Despatch.
St. John, Nfld., Feb. 5.—A message from the British Empire Steel Corporation headquarters posted at Bell Island announced that the iron mines there will re-open Monday in full swing, and that a full staff of two thousand men will be taken on.

The mines were recently closed on account of complications consequent on French occupation of the Ruhr.

SAYS FRENCH PEOPLE
ARE OWN WORST FOE

British Editor Sees Country Misled by Illusions Into Ruhr Action.

HINDER PROSPERITY

Journalist Believes France Not Intentionally Injuring Stability of Germany.

By JOHN ST. LOE STRACHEY
Editor, London Spectator.
Special Cable to The Advertiser.
London, Feb. 5.—It is preposterous to speak of France as the "enemy," meaning that she is our and the world's enemy. To say, however, that she is in her own worst enemy, and that in wounding herself she is wounding her allies and the rest of the nations is, alas, a truism. It is the old, foolish game of cutting off one's nose to spite one's face, that well takes up the motto of the French. France is playing a game when everyone is prone to play when in a panic of anger, or misled by illusions.

Impossible To Pay.
The French ministers are, as Mr. Bonar Law told them, making it impossible for Germany to pay them or us, or get back to the position of prosperity and stability in which she may be able to exchange products with the other nations of the world. The French do not mean to do this to Germany, but to not think they are doing it. Instead, they fondly imagine that if they show a little firmness they can make Germany pay. "She can pay fast enough if she wants to," that is the fatal slogan that has misled the French.

Through in many ways deep and efficient analysts, the French have never thought out the problem of trade or asked themselves how the debts of nations are paid. They have the wealth and how the mechanism of international commerce can be restored and maintained when once it has become broken down.

Neglect To Estimate.
Above all, they have neglected to estimate psychological conditions which go toward making the wealth of nations a matter of men. Instead of thinking out what it is France really wants and how she may obtain it, the French government has been listening to the suggestions of a body of half-baked Machiavellian opportunists. They have incited Mr. Poincare and his colleagues with the policy of "squeeze."

BRYAN SCORES FAILURE
TO ENFORCE DRY LAWS

Declares Government Inactivity Outside Three-Mile Limit Worse Than Mockery.

Special to The Advertiser.
Washington, Feb. 5.—"No nation that will permit its flag to protect a rum runner lying just outside the three-mile limit and plotting its trade in an outlaw business, can be trusted to compel ships entering our harbors to obey our laws while within our jurisdiction," says William J. Bryan.

He adds: "Prohibition is of no value unless it is enforced. If we are going to enforce prohibition, we must just as well enforce the law. We must, and we will do it whenever there is authority shall resolve that the law is to be enforced, both against those who have about the three-mile limit and those who bring their store of liquor into our harbors. What reliance can be placed upon any nation that puts her interest in the law above her respect for the law of a friendly nation? The three-mile limit was intended for the protection of legitimate traders, not for the protection of criminals. It is worse than mockery for the authorities to remain inactive while this invasion of the law goes on day after day just outside the three-mile limit."

PARADE IN PROTEST
OF ACTION IN RUHR

British Labor Party Stages Monster Demonstration in London.

Special Cable to The Advertiser.
London, Feb. 5.—Six thousand persons crowded into Trafalgar Square Sunday to protest against the French invasion of the Ruhr. The meeting was held under the auspices of the Labor Party, which is attempting to force Bonar Law to intervene in the Franco-German controversy.

Resolutions were passed declaring that the Ruhr situation threatens a new war, and the demand was made that the reparations problem be submitted to a conference composed of representatives of the world powers. It was stated that the Labor Party would oppose any attempt of the government to engage in a new war.

J. R. Clynes, Labor leader, declared in a speech at Hull that the French seizure of the Ruhr has created another Alsace-Lorraine situation, bringing about similar conditions that prevailed in Europe at the outbreak of the world war.

DISMISSES HOGAN APPEAL
OVER LIQUOR CONVICTION

Special to The Advertiser.
Stratford, Feb. 5.—Judge J. A. Barron Saturday morning dismissed an appeal against the conviction of Magistrate Makins of Pataway Hogan of a last to pay a fine of \$1,000 or spend six months in jail on a charge of having liquor in other than a private residence. Hogan was convicted of having "ditched" two bottles of whiskey in a wood pile.

BEEKEEPERS MEET.

Special to The Advertiser.
Wingham, Feb. 5.—A meeting of the Beekeepers' Association of the Huron county was held in the council chamber on Friday afternoon, when matters of importance, including prices, were discussed.

Children Cry
FOR FLETCHER'S
CASTORIA

All the Theatres

ALLEN.
Monday—Charles Dickens' story, "The Pickwick Papers," featuring Jackie Coogan.

GRAND.
Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday—"The Forgotten Law."

Thursday, Friday and Saturday—Eugene O'Brien in "John Smith," Vaudeville.

PATRIOTIA.
Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday—Ethel Clayton in "The Queen."

Thursday, Friday, Saturday—"One-Eighth Apache," starring Roy Stewart.

LOEW'S.
Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday—Alice Brady in "Anna Ascends."

Thursday, Friday, Saturday—"Quincy Adams Sawyer," with noted cast of picture stars.

Present Pleasing
Watford Program

Concert Troupe Delights Audience With Offerings.

Special to The Advertiser.
Watford, Feb. 5.—On Monday evening the Peerses Jubilee Singers Concert Party of Danville, Penn., gave a splendid concert at the Lyceum under the auspices of the Brookside circuit of Methodist Churches. The visiting artists were: Madame A. J. Rice, soprano; Miss Emma M. Thompson, contralto and elocutionist; Miss Regina Briscoe, pianist and soprano; Mr. Lester Sullivan and R. Sidney Morris, tenors; Howard Westin, baritone, and Jerry C. Anderson, basso and humorist. The Lyceum was well filled with an appreciative audience.

In the Methodist Church on Sunday evening, the pastor, Rev. W. K. Hager, E.A., commenced a series of special discourses for business evenings, "Steps From Earth to Heaven." A good congregation was present to enjoy a most interesting and profitable discourse.

The series will continue for the next four Sunday evenings. A special preparatory service was held in the Presbyterian Church on Thursday evening, with the pastor, Rev. H. V. Workman, in charge.

SIMCOE DWELLING
DAMAGED BY BLAZE

Frank Barron Suffers \$3,000 Loss When Upper Part of Home Burns.

Special to The Advertiser.
Simcoe, Feb. 5.—Fire broke out Saturday night about 7 o'clock at the home of Frank Barron, North Ward, Simcoe, and in spite of the efforts of the fire brigade, and a heavy down-pour of rain, the flames consumed upper portion of the frame dwelling before the fire was finally extinguished.

The origin of the fire remains a mystery. The loss will be about \$3,000 on building and contents.

At about 9 o'clock a second alarm was rung in at the fire hall on 22 Union street, where a small blaze was discovered in J. Rutherford's garage, which was easily quenched.

Obituaries

THOMAS SANDICK.
Special to The Advertiser.
Ingersoll, Feb. 5.—By the death, Saturday, of Thomas Sandick, at the residence of his daughter, Mrs. William Chamming, West Nissouri, one of the oldest and most prominent residents of the township, death followed a brief illness of one week. He was born in North Oxford, Ontario, and had been a lifelong resident of the township.

He is survived by two sons, Ernest and George, both of whom are in the service; two daughters, Mrs. George Williams, and Mrs. William Chamming, West Nissouri; three brothers, Joseph, North Oxford, John, Ingersoll, and a sister, Mrs. Johnston, Elgin, Manitoba.

HARRY PILLING.
Stratford, Feb. 5.—Harry Pilling of North Bay, and formerly of Stratford, died at his late home there on Friday. Mr. Pilling is survived by his widow and two daughters, one sister, Mrs. J. Doherty of this city, and his father, Mr. S. Pilling, also of Stratford. According to the telegram received by Mr. Doherty here, he was 48 years of age.

MRS. OLIVE BURNETT.
Stratford, Feb. 5.—Olive E. Grievs, wife of John Burnett of Ellice, and daughter of Mr. and Mrs. D. Grievs, 218 Ellice street, formerly of Millbank, died at the General Hospital on Saturday.

Mrs. Burnett, who was 37 years of age, died of an infant but a few days old. She had been a resident of this city for the past two years, but was born in Millbank, in which place she spent the greater portion of her life. Besides her husband and parents, three brothers survive, Robert of Vancouver, Gordon of the University of Toronto, and Franklin at home.

TWO DRUG PEDDLERS
PAY FINES AT WINDSOR

Celestials Fined \$500 and \$300 For Having Narcotics in Possession.

PACKAGES IN SAND

Accused Alleges Parcels Planted On Him To Effect Arrest.

Special to The Advertiser.
Windsor, Feb. 5.—Heavy penalties were imposed by Magistrate Gundy in police court Saturday on two Chinese found guilty of having and carrying on traffic in narcotic drugs, when Yee Poy Ong, 125 Sandwich street east, was fined \$500 and costs, and Chin Sen Yen \$300 and costs. Narcotics were found at the living quarters of Yee Poy Ong were valued at several hundred dollars by Royal Canadian Mounted police, who raided the place. The packages containing them were hidden in a box filled with sand. Yee Poy Ong disclaimed knowledge of the contents. Chin Sen Yen, who asserted he is a Chinese doctor with residence in Toronto, was fined \$300 and costs. He had several packages in his pockets, but said he did not know how they got there unless some one placed them in to effect his arrest.

SEEK BETTER MIDWAY
FOR CHATHAM FAIR

West Kent Society Authorizes Extensive Repairs To Exhibition Buildings.

Special to The Advertiser.
Chatham, Feb. 5.—Many revisions to the prize list for the 1923 fall fair, better known as the Kent Fair, were authorized Saturday at the meeting of the executive of the West Kent Agricultural Society.

The society is endeavoring to get in touch with a carnival of some kind to take over the entire charge of the fair this year's fair. The executive empowered some members to make repairs to the property of the society in South Chatham and to conduct all necessary repairs to the buildings on the fair grounds.

An early striking of the tax rate was authorized at the inaugural meeting of the financial advisory board in the city hall last evening. This will necessitate an early report of estimates of the various departments responsible for the spending of the city's money.

Alderman M. J. Mindoff was re-elected chairman of the board and City Manager. Other board members are Mayor J. W. Harrington, representing the city council, and Hugh Laframboise, representing the public library board.

EARLY MORNING FIRE
GUTS GLENCOE BLOCK

McAlpine House, Valued at \$10,000, Is Completely Destroyed.

Special to The Advertiser.
Glencoe, Feb. 5.—Part of Glencoe's downtown business section was a seething mass of flames early Saturday morning when the old McAlpine House block was completely destroyed by fire of unknown origin.

The fire started in the kitchen and if it had not been for the good work of the fire fighters and a plentiful supply of water, the entire business district of the town might have been ruined. The heat of the blaze cracked the windows of adjacent buildings and but for the thick coating of ice on many shops, greater damage would have resulted.

The most serious loss was that of Henry Lawrence of Mitchell, owner of the McAlpine House, estimated at \$10,000. Davenport's lunch counter, Smith's shoe shine parlor and several other stores adjoining the block were seriously damaged. The town was without heat this morning, the poles having been cut in front of the hotel, cutting off the current.

The absence of wind aided the firemen in their work of extinguishing the blaze.

GAIN HIGHEST MARKS.

Special to The Advertiser.
Stratford, Feb. 5.—Miss Lillian Dempsey and O. H. Kiler were the winners of the prizes for the highest average marks obtained in the short courses in domestic science and agriculture which have just ended.

Before the boys' class was brought to a conclusion it was decided to hold a ploughing match for the members of the Stratford branch of the Perth County Junior Farmers' Association, some time next fall.

ARRESTED IN GALT.

Special to The Advertiser.
Galt, Feb. 5.—Wanted in Preston for theft, John Smith, McNaughton street in this city, was arrested Saturday night by P. C. Styles.

Terrible Headaches
and Dizziness

Miss S. Raphael, 237 Kenilworth Ave. N., Hamilton, Ont., writes: "I used to suffer from terrible headaches and dizziness. Last summer, while I was walking up a side street, I got a dizzy spell and fell in the middle of the road. An old gentleman helped me to get to where I was going and told me to get a vial of Milburn's Laxa-Liver Pills. Well, I did, and they did wonders for me. I don't know how to thank you as I don't get headaches or dizzy spells any more."

When your liver gets sluggish and inactive your whole health suffers and the only way to keep well is to keep the liver active and performing its proper functions by using Milburn's Laxa-Liver Pills.

Price 25c a vial at all dealers or mailed direct on receipt of price by The T. Milburn Co., Limited, Toronto, Ont.—Adv.